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TWINS IN ARMS

THE FIGHTING BROWNS

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Mr. W. G. Brown is the oldest established newsagent in Broadstairs, having been in business at Reading Street since 1912.

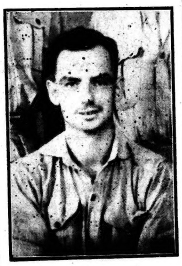
Before volunteering for active service in the last war Mr. Brown served in the Broadstairs Special Constabulary. After the war he resumed service with the constabulary and holds the medal and two bars, representing 24 years as a special.

Transferred from the 3rd Norfolk Regiment, Mr. Brown served in France during the last war with the 9th Essex Regiment. He received multiple wounds during the big push on 8th August, 1918.

Mr. Brown is now back in khaki once again, serving with the Auxiliary Coastguard—which comes under the Royal Navy.

While her husband is away on duty Mrs. Brown carries on the business but still finds time to contribute her quota to the family record of service as a member of Broadstairs W.V.S.

The twin sons, who are 25 years



Ldg. Acm. Dereck Brown.

of age, are Ldg. Acm. Dereck George Brown, R.A.F., and Cpl. Stuart Brown, R.A.P.C.

Both boys attended Broadstairs High School. Before volunteering for the Air Force in April, 1939, Dereck had been employed by firms of outfitters at Margate and Broadstairs.

He was drafted to the Middle East in April, 1940. He has seen service in Greece, Crete, Libya and Java and is at present stationed in India.

When Dereck was on the move Mr. and Mrs. Brown sometimes heard nothing of their son for long periods. On one occasion they had no news of him for eight months. Letters now arrive frequently and only on Friday they received a letter from him stating that he is enjoying life although the boys at his station have to make their own amusement.

Cpl. Stuart Brown, who is married, was before the war employed as an

Cpl. Stuart Brown.

electrician at Broadstairs by Councillor F. J. Malpress. He joined the Royal Army Pay Corps in March, 1940, and is serving "somewhere in England."

The twins, as babies, were great favourites with the late Lord Northcliffe and when he was staying at Elmwood he used to call at the shop every day to see them. He used to call them "The heavenly twins" or "The two little men of Kent." Mr. and Mrs. Brown treasure a number of photographs of the boys signed by Lord Northcliffe.

Another treasured photograph, taken by Lord Northcliffe himself, is of the boys and the Hon. Esmond Harmsworth, now Lord Rothermere.

This picture was published in a number of Lord Northcliffe's newspapers.

Cpl. Elsie Brown is serving with the A.T.S.

She attended Broadstairs High School and St. Joseph's Convent, and for 11 years was on the clerical staff of Messrs. Piggott, of Broadstairs.

For a year before the outbreak of

Cpl. Elsie Brown.

war she served as an A.T.S. "Terrier" with a Margate battery of the Royal Artillery and she was mobilised when the Territorial Army was mobilised in August, 1939. She has served on an ack-ack gun site and was in a heavy blitz on one of the Midland industrial areas last year.

That is the record of the Browns of Reading Street, a record of which any family might justly be proud.

MAY GO TO ARBITRATION

BROADSTAIRS COUNCIL OFFICERS' BONUS

The question of the payment by Broadstairs Council of a war bonus to their officers may go to arbitration.

The report of the Finance Committee, presented at a meeting of the Council on Monday, stated that a letter was received from the National Association of Local Government Government Officers stating that the continued refusal of the Council to implement the decision of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities Administrative, Clerical, Professional and Technical Services in the matter of war bonus constituted a dispute under the Conditions of Employment and National Arbitration Order, 1940.

The association pointed out that, although there had been some doubt as to whether that Order applied to all local authorities, the judgment delivered by the House of Lords in "National Association of Local Government Officers v. Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bolton" put it beyond doubt that either party could refer a dispute to the National Arbitration Tribunal without the consent of the other.

It was further intimated by the association that, while they would much prefer that the dispute should be settled amicably by the Council agreeing to pay the recognised scale of war bonus, the association would have no alternative but to invoke the machinery set up under the 1940 Order, unless this was done.

The committee recommended that consideration of the letter be deferred to the next meeting of the committee and that, in the meantime, the Clerk of the Council be directed to make the copy of the Lords' judgment available to any member of the Council who might be desirous of reading it.

The Council adopted the committee's recommendation.

MILITARY BALL SUCCESS

The military ball at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Thursday, was highly successful and attracted nearly 500 dancers.

As a result of the effort the Mayor of Ramsgate's Services Comforts Fund will benefit considerably.

Frederic Hargraves' dance orchestra supplied the music and maintained their reputation for swingy, melodious numbers. Mr. Hargraves' reference to the Council's decision to re-elect Alderman A. B. C. Kempe as Mayor was a cue for musical honours and plenty of applause.

The Mayor was accompanied by the Mayoress and told the patrons he would again be proud to be Ramsgate's chief citizen although the job was not all honey and involved a lot of work behind the scenes of which the man in the street knew little. They still had their chins up, however,

SERVED IN SIKH

RAMSGATE SAILOR REPORTED MISSING

Son of Mrs. Hood and the late Mr. Christopher Hood, of Tintagel, Carlton-avenue, Ramsgate, A.C. E.R.A. William Hood, who was serving on H.M.S. Sikh, which was lost in the recent raid on Tobruk, has been reported missing.

His father, who was serving as leading-seaman in the Royal Navy, lost his life in September, 1914, when the cruiser H.M.S. Hogue, together with the Cressy and the Aboukir, was sunk.

Mrs. Hood's elder son, Harold, who was a teacher in the service of Ramsgate Education Committee before being called up for the forces, has just reached the Middle East.

SHOCK FOR HOUSEKEEPER

ENGINE DRIVER'S SUDDEN DEATH

A railway engine driver, Mr. Edward Harry Bryant, aged 59 years, died suddenly at his home, 80 Station Approach-road, Ramsgate, on Friday morning.

When he arrived home from work at 2 a.m. Mr. Bryant told his housekeeper, Mrs. Eliza Martha Isnell, that he was not feeling well.

At 8.30 a.m. Mrs. Isnell took a cup of tea to Mr. Bryant's room and found him dead in bed.

Mr. Bryant had been unwell for some time and as death was due to natural causes an inquest was not considered necessary.

SEVEN YEARS IN MIDDLE EAST

SGT. DALTON REPORTED MISSING

Sgt. Glyn Dalton, Royal Corps of Signals, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Dalton, of 7 Winefred's-avenue, Ramsgate, has been reported missing in the Middle East. He has been in Egypt for nearly seven years, having left England at the end of 1935.

Sgt. Dalton, who is 28 years of age, was born in Wales, but came to Ramsgate when quite young and was educated at Lillian-road School. Before joining the Army he was in the insurance business and was a member of the Salvation Army band.

After being in the Army nearly seven years, Sgt. Dalton's brother Ron fractured his back while serving in India and was brought home by boat and discharged from the Army. When the boat reached Port Said, Glyn met it and went aboard to see his brother. Ron is now engaged on war work.

Sgt. Dalton's father is engaged on Civil Defence work at Ramsgate and his sister Phyllis is a captain in the Salvation Army at Evesham.

THE SECOND FRONT

ALLIED OFFENSIVE IMMINENT

"The 'second front' has become a kind of ferment in every mind asking and repeating the simple but significant questions—Where? When?" says the Vicar (the Rev. P. M. Townend) in this month's Christ Church, Ramsgate, parish magazine.

"The German offensive in Russia," he says, "has transpired to be a push limited to the southern front alone. They have reached the Caucasus but got no oil. They have reached the Volga but have got no Stalingrad and as likely as not at the time of reading it will be the same. The Allied offensive is now imminent, if indeed it has not already begun, for the simultaneous air attack upon Germany both from east and west looks remarkably like the preliminaries, as do also the raids on Dieppe and Tobruk. Our patience and our prayers have been faithfully maintained and said. The third of September gave notable and national expression to the latter upon a scale in numbers and to a depth in sincerity which was truly both bracing and inspiring."

Mr. Townend wonders whether "the unknown path winding its way steadily into the black-out is leading straight into another winter offensive. Winter offensives," he says, "seem to be the prerogative of the Allies. Germany did not expect it in the east last winter. But she appears to be afraid of it this winter in the west. But how do we know it is not from the south: in the Mediterranean? I expect it is of this that poor Mussolini is thinking! Maybe it will be from the north in the Baltic Sea. In any case, in these days of air attack at sea, with how much less hazard would sea communications be maintained in the black-out. Unpleasant though it is, maybe there is cause after all to welcome the black-out. And if it gives greater safety to the boys in transport who would not suffer any inconvenience or dislike for their sakes?"

NOT CURED YET

MARGATE YOUTH TO RETURN TO BORSTAL

A 17-year-old Margate youth admitted at Margate Quarter Sessions on Friday that he committed nine offences within a week of escaping from a Borstal institution.

He was Leslie Whitehead and was charged with stealing £1 1s. 11d., a silver medal, two fountain pens and two penknives, to the total value of £1 8s. 11d., the property of Margate Education Committee.

Together with another lad named Owen Heard, Whitehead was arrested at Salmestone School, Margate, after spending a night there, and was committed for trial by Margate magistrates, who ordered Heard, whose Borstal detention does not expire until April, 1945, to return to the institution.

Ordering Whitehead to be detained in a Borstal institution for a period not exceeding three years, the Recorder (Mr. R. A. Gordon, K.C.) told him "Evidently Borstal has not cured you so far."

Phoned For Police.

Miss Dix, who prosecuted, said defendant absconded from a Borstal institution on 2nd September. He committed the offence while at large on the night of 7th-8th September. Mr. Austin, caretaker of Salmestone School, Margate, arrived at the school just before 7 o'clock on the morning of 8th September and noticed that a bucket of water was overturned, cupboard doors were open and other things not as they should be. He then found the defendant and another lad at one of the wash basins. The other lad had been dealt with by the magistrates.

The lads said they were having a wash and had been there some ten minutes, continued Miss Dix. Mr. Austin had the wisdom to keep them in conversation for a time and then left them in order to telephone for the police. The other lad slipped out of the building, but Whitehead remained there until police officers arrived. It was found that cupboards had been forced and desks opened, while keys were lying about. The property mentioned in the charge was found in Whitehead's possession. He admitted that he stole them from the school which, he said, they entered at 10.15 the night before through an insecure window.

Absconded Seven Times.

D/I Cory stated that Whitehead was a native of Margate and would be 18 years of age in December. He came under the notice of the police when quite young, being cautioned a number of times for minor offences. He first appeared before the juvenile court at Margate on 28th April, 1937, when a charge of housebreaking was dismissed with a caution. On 4th July he was again before the court for being in need of care and protection, being bound over for a year and placed on probation. On 4th October, 1937, he was before the Cinque Ports juvenile court, Margate, for stealing a tent and was sent to an approved school.

Whitehead absconded from the school seven times and on 4th March, 1940, was charged at Aldershot juvenile court with shopbreaking, garagebreaking and larceny, and sent to a farm school near Blackpool. He absconded from that school on several occasions and on 15th May, 1940, was charged at Fleetwood with breaking into a cafe and stealing. He was ordered to return to the school but absconded again and on 8th January, 1941, was ordered to be sent to a Borstal institution for two years for escaping from the school.

On 2nd September this year, continued the inspector, defendant escaped from the institution with another boy and made his way from Nottingham to Margate on a stolen bicycle. On the way he and the other boy committed eight other offences, and he asked that the Recorder should take them into consideration. The offences included stealing clothes, candles, night lights, tin of soup, primus stove, plimsols, 480 cigarettes from a shop which he broke into, £4 in money and a cycle.

Commissioners' Recommendation.

Whitehead pleaded guilty, but had nothing to say.

The Recorder: I suppose you stole a lot of these things because you came away from Borstal without any money?—Yes, sir.

What did you do with the things?—Most of them were given to the police when we arrived here.

In reply to the Recorder, D/I Cory said Whitehead's period of detention would expire next January. The other boy who was charged with him had a considerable time to serve and was returned to the institution. On the recommendation of the Prison Commissioners, Whitehead was committed for trial.

Addressing Whitehead, the Recorder said "You have not started life very well. Evidently Borstal has not cured you so far. The only thing I can do with you is to order you to be detained in a Borstal institution for a period not exceeding three years. If you show you are going to behave yourself they may let you out at any time in that period, otherwise you will stay there the whole three years.

"Try to take advantage of this opportunity," he continued. "Borstal is not a bad place if you behave yourself. I have visited two Borstal institutions and know something about them. Make friends with the right type of boys and you will improve and come out better than when you went in. Now go back and do your best. I hope they will be able to keep you there this time and not give you a chance to get away."

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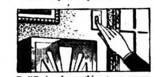

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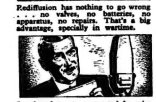

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ARCHBISHOP AT BROADSTAIRS

IMPLICATION OF THE HARVEST

Two large congregations welcomed the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. William Temple) when he visited Broadstairs and St. Peter's on Sunday.

Dr. Temple first preached at sung eucharist at Broadstairs Parish Church and then continued to St. Peter's, where he gave an appropriate sermon on the occasion of the harvest festival. Large crowds were gathered outside the church when he arrived and left.

The Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) and representatives of Broadstairs Council attended the service at St. Peter's

Choosing for his sermon at St. Peter's the appropriate text "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," the Archbishop said many lessons could be gained from the harvest which figured in parables both in the teachings of the Lord and his apostles.

They talked of the acts of God—that term was included in insurance policies—and His workings were strange and mysterious. An act of God meant something imperceptible. Thunderstorms were in the old days attributed to the work of God but science had gradually been explaining things in terms of the natural law which governed them. It seemed that the era of God's antiquity had been reduced but he wanted to point out that science only showed us how God worked.

God at Work.

The Lord always pointed them to the regular reliable processes of nature to see God at work. They could not just see His work here and there and have recourse to Him only when they could not explain things in any other way. In an age in which sense of the rigidity of law in the natural field was rapidly gaining ground there was a curious unwillingness to recognise the Lord's work in the affairs of man. Those people who had not given over their minds to materialistic determinism—and there were very few people in church who had—seemed to think they had a degree of freedom of control over their lives for which the Bible gave no moral whatever. But if they used that freedom of thought in one way they could not suddenly switch it over to use in another way. They were bound by the chains of their own sins—God was not mocked.

If there was to be a harvest there must be also a preparation of the soil. They could not suppose it would be in their power to start leading Christ-like lives in a day or neglect God for the greater part of the time and then suddenly fall to prayer because they felt they needed Him. Such lives could only be built up slowly by perpetual practice.

A Free Choice.

One of the worst factors of wrongdoings, said Dr. Temple, was that when they had once been done they did not appear quite so bad unless they had merely yielded to some passing weakness at which their nature revolted. The effect of wrongdoing was like falling over a precipice. Once they had fallen they had no choice as to whether they would reach the bottom or not. Thus they could not suddenly stop the unhappiness they had caused to other people.

"But that does not mean," continued the Archbishop, "that we are in the grip of some system that holds us like a vice and from which we cannot turn this way or that." On the other hand it did not mean that when they had asked God's forgiveness they could have things just the same as they were before. There was a great difference between good men and bad men but the greatest difference was between the penitent and the non-penitent. If a man wronged another and afterwards owned up the friendship of the two was usually increased—so they could thus turn their wrongdoings into blessings. But they could not expect to have their sins unpunished simply by asking God's forgiveness.

The service was conducted by the curate-in-charge (the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith) and the choir was augmented by choristers from St. George's Church, Ramsgate.

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ABSENT JUROR

At Margate Quarter Sessions on Friday the Recorder (Mr. R. A. Gordon, K.C.) announced that an absent juror named George Fruin would be fined £5 unless he could give a proper explanation of his failure to attend.

As in the only case down for hearing the defendant pleaded guilty, the services of the jury were not required but the Recorder told them he hoped they did not feel that their time had been altogether wasted.

"You have been brought into another kind of atmosphere," he said, "although it is only a legal one, which is supposed to be rather dull. You have also had the opportunity of meeting fellow burgesses."

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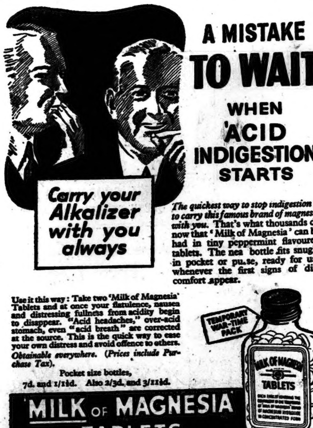

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First, make a break, relax the mind, in any way you feel inclined, some time before you "hit the hay." A game of cards, some quiet books, a walk, a talk—but not on spooks!—this stops the worries of the day.

Care can't kill cats, but may harm you, so think out clearly what to do, in anything that's worrying you, and put it right outside your brain and do not think of it again.

A bath at night helps you relax and cease to think of income tax, but not too hot—that just excites—and don't forget to douse the lights before you pull the curtain back; it may be fresh air that you lack.

Hot drinks—a glass of milk—help some, but not an overloaded "tum." To sleep or not to sleep's the question, but no one sleeps with indigestion.

DANE PARK BOWLS

Forty bowlers took part in a cigarettes contest at Dane Park green, Margate. The winners were: 1. H. Waghorn, G. Colpus, R. Ovenden and C. Arrow; 2, H. Foster, R. Parker, E. E. Amos and H. Howard; sealed number, W. Fudge, G. Pyle, B. Wells and J. Gooderhan. The sum of £3 11s. was collected on behalf of the Margate Prisoners of War Fund.

Mrs. G. W. Solly presented prizes won during the season as follows: first singles—1, E. T. Marshall; 2, E. Pettett; second singles—1, C. Arrow; 2, J. Hogben; first pairs—Mrs. Harvey (for the late Mr. H. Harvey, who reached the final), E. T. Marshall, B. J. Garraway and E. E. Amos; second pairs—1, J. Lattimore and R. Ovenden; 2, C. J. Amos and J. Rhodes; umbrella contest—W. R. Rickon, H. Foster and E. E. Amos.

The secretary (Mr. E. E. Amos) thanked all bowlers and friends for their support during the season, paying special tribute to the committee, to the captain (Mr. W. R. Rickon) and to Messrs. E. Pettett and R. Thurston.

The chairman (Mr. G. W. Solly), on behalf of the members, presented Mr. Amos with a cheque for five guineas in acknowledgment of his tireless work on behalf of the club during the season.

THE FOOD FRONT

IT'S ALL FISH THAT COMES TO THE NET

Women who have learned in their own busy lives the value of wise planning will be the first to appreciate the new scheme of fish distribution, whereby much labour and transport will be saved. This will be done by keeping fish within a certain radius of where it is landed instead of playing general post with it to suit regional tastes. It will mean, in many instances, that unfamiliar varieties will appear in our fish shops. But the housewife, sensible woman that she is, will gladly take what her fishmonger has been allocated although she may at first wonder how to cook it, or even think it cannot be as nourishing or as appetising as that to which she is accustomed.

There is no need for her to hesitate. The nutritive and body-building values of these fish with the strange names are just as high as those of her old favourites.

As for cooking, they are most adaptable and all can be cooked in the familiar ways.

Take saithe for example. It is very like cod, but the flakes are larger and firmer and the flesh is darker.

Ling is very good, too; it is another member of the cod family but its texture is firmer than that of cod, and it is inclined to cook dry. So remember to keep it moist when cooking it.

Rock salmon or catfish is easily recognisable by its firm pink and white flesh. Fishermen say that it is one of the sweetest fish that comes out of the sea, and when you have tried it you will agree. It makes lovely fish pies and fish cakes and is delicious grilled with just a little dripping.

The recipes given below are good examples of interchangeable dishes for they can be used for any white fish that is available in your district.

Rock Salmon and Apple.

1½ lbs. of rock salmon
½ lb. of cooking apples
1 lb. of parboiled potatoes
½ pint of white sauce
1 teaspoonful of vinegar
½ teaspoonful of mixed spice
Browned crumbs
Seasoning

Cut the fish into 1½in. thick slices. Put the fish, peeled, sliced apples and potatoes in a fireproof dish, finishing with a layer of apples. Add the vinegar, spice and seasoning to the whitesauce, pour into the dish, scatter crumbs over and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.

Saithe Hot Pot.

2 lbs. of saithe
2 lbs. of potatoes
½ lb. of carrots and swedes
1 onion
½ oz. of dripping
Milk
Salt, pepper, nutmeg

Cut the saithe into pieces. Slice and parboil the vegetables. Place fish and vegetables in layers in a fireproof dish, season well. Pour in enough milk almost to cover the ingredients, dot with pieces of dripping and bake for ¾ hour in a moderate oven.

Ling with Bacon.

1½ lbs. of ling filleted
4 rashers of bacon
Seasoning
Small forcemeat balls

Cut the fish into portions, season well. Lay in a greased baking tin, cover with the bacon, and put in the forcemeat balls if liked. Bake in a moderate oven until the fish is done and the bacon crisp.

PRISONERS IN ITALY

Sgt. George Laidler, son of Mrs. Laidler, of Convent Farm-cottages, Reading Street, is a prisoner of war in Italy. He had been reported missing since 29th June.

Mrs. Laidler has received a card from him in which he states that he was captured at Mersa Matruh, but is fairly well.

Coming of a military family, Sgt. Laidler was educated at the Duke of York's School, Dover, and trained as an artificer at the Military College of Science, Woolwich. He joined the regular Army in 1932 and was later drafted to India. He had been in the Middle East for the past 18 months.

Pte. Ernest E. Kennett, The Buffs, formerly of Margate, is also known to be a prisoner in Italy. Twenty-two years of age, he joined the Army two years ago after being employed as a plasterer. Six months ago he was sent to the Middle East.

POLICE BEAT ARMY AND NAVY

In a triangular shooting match on Tuesday Ramsgate Police defeated both the Army and the Royal Navy.

The Police scored 219 points to 215 for the Navy and 164 for the Army.

The scores were:

Navy—C/P/O Gray 0 and 17, A/B Harmer 15 and 18, A/B Price 20 and 11, A/B Waldron 20 and 16, A/B Cruttenden 10 and 20, A/B Chapman 15 and 15, A/B Tucker 10 and 14, W/O Roberts 0 and 14.

Police—P/C Shanahan 0 and 16, D/C Oram 15 and 18, T/P/S Jenner 15 and 17, P/C Slinn 15 and 17, W/R Scott 20 and 19, S/C Luckett 15 and 10, P/C Housden 15 and 15, W/R Brooks 0 and 12.

Army—Sgt. Hogben 15 and 16, Gnr. Roberts 0 and 14, Gnr. Allcock 10 and 11, Bdr. Murray 10 and 11, B/S/M Scott 15 and 11, Gnr. Greensmith 10 and 10, Gnr. Lever 0 and 12, L/Bdr. Underwood 10 and 12.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

DRIVEN TO IT

BY

CHARLES HATTON

Jacob Anlaby stuck the stamp neatly in the top right-hand corner of the long envelope. Then he shuffled across the floor to the Post Office, and pushed it into the post-box.

"That's put paid to brother Lucas," he chuckled hoarsely. For the envelope contained his will, with no reference to his brother. Jacob had been intending to take this step for some time—ever since Lucas had persuaded him to buy those shares in a Cornish tin mine that proved singularly innocent of any ore.

As he turned from the posting box, Jacob paused. A man was standing, at the ledge reserved for people to write letters and telegrams. He was busy addressing an envelope; and wore a raincoat with the collar turned up and a soft felt hat with the brim pulled well down over his eyes. There was something ostentatious about his deliberate manner that made Jacob hesitate and peer over his shoulder. The man did not appear to notice him.

Jacob stood a little uncertainly. Then he leaned forward as much as he dared to see the writing better. It was addressed to—

Jacob Anlaby, Esq.,
18 Thurslow Square,
London, S.W.9.

Jacob cleared his throat and shifted his feet.

"Excuse me," he said at last, "I think that letter is for me." The man swung round abruptly.

"Who are you?" he snapped.

"Jacob Anlaby."

"Oh, no, you're not," he replied after a pause. "**You're** not Jacob Anlaby. Why, I know him as well as my own brother."

"But I tell you——" Jacob began.

"I know what your game is," cut in the other. "Thought you'd get that letter out of me. Guessed there was something pretty valuable in it, didn't you? I've a jolly good mind to call the police."

"You can please yourself about that," retorted Jacob. "I can soon prove who I am, and if you post that letter I shall get it."

"We'll see about that," snarled the other. "Anway, you clear out, and stop pestering me."

Unconsciously, they had raised their voices, and several people were watching them with undisguised curiosity. Jacob felt the colour mounting to his face.

He did not answer the last remark, but gave a shrug and walked out of the office. "To blazes with him," he muttered.

Nevertheless, the incident annoyed him all the way home. He sat in the bus speculating on what the contents might be. For he stoutly maintained that private cars were an unnecessary luxury in London.

As soon as he got home he rang for Dowty, his male servant, a dour Yorkshireman who had long been in his employ.

With his back to the mantelpiece, Jacob thrust his hands deep into the old-fashioned fob pockets that he still favoured.

"Dowty," he said, "I've put you back in my will."

Dowty appeared quite unmoved.

"Very good, Mr. Anlaby," he replied without a trace of emotion. This irritated his employer.

"Don't ye want to know how much?" Jacob asked incredulously. Dowty's rugged Yorkshire features still remained inscrutable.

"I reckon it's none of my business, Mr. Anlaby."

"It will be one of these days, if ye live longer'n me. Ye'll find yourself a hundred pounds better off. There! What d'ye think of that?"

"Thank you very much, Mr. Anlaby," replied Dowty woodenly. But this did not satisfy his master, who had apparently expected greater enthusiasm.

"I know—ye're thinking it's not enough. Ye're thinking that because ye've been in my pay so long I ought to leave you half my fortune. We'll, that's where ye're wrong. Blood's thicker'n water. My money goes to my sister Sarah's boy, William. He's a good, steady lad."

"But what about Mr. Lucas, sir?"

"Lucas!" screamed Anlaby. "Don't mention that crook's name in this house. Not one penny of my money does he get."

"No, sir, I see what you mean, sir," replied Dowty, smoothly. "Shall I bring your supper in now?"

"Oh, go to blazes!"

Anlaby tore off his hat and threw it aside, shed his coat and kicked it under the table, and flung his stick to the floor. Dowty gathered up each article with consummate dignity and discreetly withdrew.

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A Shock.

Skimming rapidly through his letters the following morning, Anlaby sought eagerly for the envelope he had seen being addressed to him in the Post Office. It was not there. Nor did it appear in the second post. In fact, it did not arrive at all that day. Anlaby was rather puzzled. He could only conclude that the man had decided not to post the letter after all.

After lunch, Anlaby went into the City to transact some business. As he was leaving the office, a short, thick-set man, wearing a blue overcoat and a bowler, bumped into him.

"Can't you look where you're going?" growled Anlaby.

"I know that voice!" cried the other man in hearty tones. "Why, of course, it's Dodds! How are you getting on, old man?"

"My name is not Dodds," snapped Anlaby.

The other man was obviously startled.

"Look here, Dodds, old man, if this is one of your little jokes——"

"I am not your friend Dodds, and this is far from a joke," roared Anlaby. He made to move on, but the other man barred his way. Light seemed to have dawned upon him.

"I know what it is, Dodds," he persisted. "You can't pay me back that quid! Now, don't let that worry you, old boy. Any time will do."

"For the last time," roared Anlaby, "my name is not Dodds, and I do not owe any man a penny. Now will you get out of my way?"

The man thrust his hands in his overcoat pockets with an injured air. "That's gratitude for you," he muttered to a couple of spectators.

Mr. Anlaby walked to Charing Cross and from there hurried home. Dowty opened the door to him. The man cleared his throat rather nervously as he always did when he had some message about which he was a little dubious.

"A fellow called about an hour ago, Mr. Anlaby. He said he wanted to see Mr. Snelling."

"Snelling," grunted Anlaby. "Who's Snelling?"

"I told him there was no one of that name here, but he insisted. So I asked him to describe this Snelling. And then came the funny part, Mr. Anlaby. He gave a description of you, sir."

"Me?"

"Yes, sir. There couldn't be any mistake. I wondered if you'd had some business transaction with him, sir, and given him that name for private reasons——"

Mr. Anlaby snorted.

"You can get those ideas out of your head. I've never been ashamed to do business under my own name. And if he calls again, kick him down the front steps!"

But Anlaby was by no means so assured in the small hours of the night, as he lay awake calling to mind every detail of these queer encounters. He failed to see what the men were getting at. They had made no determined effort to extort money from him. True, the man in the bowler hat hinted at a past loan, but he hadn't pressed the point. Anlaby lay awake for over two hours, endeavouring to find some solution to the puzzle.

He was restless for the remainder of the night, and consequently in a bad temper in the morning. That day he was accosted again on two occasions. First by a seedy individual with a whining voice, who insisted on calling him Harold, and then by a portly man who apparently mistook him for somebody on the Stock Exchange.

When he got home, Dowty was again awaiting his arrival in some anxiety to tell him how another mysterious caller had described him as a Mr. Fanshawe, of Potters Bar.

So the strange persecution continued. Some days Mr. Anlaby was stopped as many as five times, on others only once or twice. The men who accosted him came from all spheres of life. Some wore the spats and striped trousers which betokened City interests; others were dressed carelessly in the flannels and pullovers of the artistic type. Some had caps over their eyes and were unshaven. Yet when he refuted their challenge they often apologised. Sometimes they argued a little vaguely; often they walked quietly away.

By this time all sorts of wild theories were chasing through Anlaby's mind. Could it be something to do with reincarnation? Or did he lead some sort of double life? He could not credit this, for he could remember all the details of his daily routine for months past without much difficulty.

He did not relate these strange happenings to anyone else, for he had always been a lonely man, and it was his nature to brood upon his problems. But the business was preying on his mind. He went out less frequently, and when in the City he slunk through the crowds like an escaping criminal.

This state of affairs had been in existence about a fortnight when he was stopped one day in a cul-de-sac off the Strand by a policeman.

"We want you, Baxter, for the Hampstead job."

Anlaby was about to begin his usual protest when a thought struck him.

"Can you prove I'm Baxter?" he demanded quickly.

"If you're not Harry Baxter, then I'm Charley Peace," replied the constable. "But we'll soon check up on your fingerprints. Come on, now."

However, before he could lead Anlaby away, another man who looked like an inspector in plain clothes came up to them and took the constable aside for a minute. They talked in undertones, and at length the plain clothes man turned to Anlaby.

"All right, Baxter—your alibi lets you out this time," he said with a grim smile.

The next morning Jacob Anlaby was found hanging from the canopy of his four-poster bed.

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The Actors' Part.

Lucas Anlaby leaned his stick against the table, and gently lowered himself into the chair his solicitor hastened to offer him.

"I must congratulate you, Burns, on the way you handled my little case," he smiled, expansively.

The solicitor shrugged deprecatingly.

"It was obvious, Mr. Anlaby, that your poor brother's mind had gone. Any judge would have had to ignore that will, and the estate quite rightly reverts to you."

Lucas nodded sadly, and after a decent interval asked:

"Could you oblige me with fifty pounds until the estate is settled?"

"Why certainly, Mr. Anlaby."

The solicitor bustled out and presently returned with the money. Lucas thrust it carelessly into his pocket, signed a receipt, and then paused significantly.

"I suppose you have no idea of my brother's—er—financial position?"

The solicitor rubbed his hands.

"Mr. Anlaby never confided in us to that extent, but I could give you a note to the manager of the Central Bank, where he kept his account."

Lucas accepted this offer, and presently he bade the solicitor good morning.

Outside the office he called a taxi and drove to an alley off Charing Cross-road, where there was a public-house favoured by the lesser known members of the theatrical profession. He made his way at once to a private lounge, where three men were sitting round the fire.

"Here's the guv'nor now," said Dowty, as Lucas walked in.

Without much preamble Lucas fished the bundle of notes out of his pocket and gave the two strange men ten pounds each.

"There you are, boys; I told you we'd work the oracle," he declared gaily.

"Well, I must say you two earned it," commented Dowty. "I never saw so many get-ups in all my life. Why, I didn't even know you myself at times."

"All in the game," replied the taller of the two with a wink.

"Easy money for us, really," said his companion. "Plenty of time to change, and no audience getting restless."

When they had gone, Lucas tossed a couple of banknotes to Dowty, who fingered them greedily.

"Think it's safe to trust those two, Mr. Lucas?" he asked.

Lucas shrugged. "Why not?"

"There's such a thing as blackmail."

"Pah! They'll drink themselves to death in a couple of years. You know what actors are!" He rose and fastened his overcoat.

"I'm just going round to Jacob's bank. See you later."

After he had read the solicitor's letter of introduction, Jacob's bank manager excused himself and went to consult a ledger.

"I'm afraid there is rather a disappointment in store for you, Mr. Anlaby," he began gravely.

Lucas sat up stiffly in his chair.

"Perhaps," went on the manager, "you were not aware that your brother succumbed to a temptation which besets most of us at times. He did a little gambling on the Stock Exchange. He bought a large number of shares in a company of very dubious standing. The capital was not paid up, and there have been several calls on the shares which have made great inroads on his resources. There is a final call due shortly, but we may rescue a few hundreds for you . . ."

Lucas licked his lips.

"These shares," he whispered hoarsely, "what's the name of 'em?"

The manager smiled.

"North Cornwall Tin Mines," he replied.

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Many messages of congratulation have been received by Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Dick) J. Bushell, on the celebration of their golden wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Bushell lived at 53 Crescent-road, Ramsgate, for many years but at present are living temporarily with their daughter Vera (Mrs. P. Gammon) at 19 Union-street, Maidstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Bushell were married at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on 18th September, 1892. Although Mr. Bushell, who for over 50 years was employed by Messrs. R. G. Dunn and Son, is 72, and his wife 71, both are in the best of health.

Their family of five sons, four daughters and seven grandchildren are well-known in Ramsgate. Their eldest son, William, is serving his 28th year with the Metropolitan Police.

As a result of a raid in August, 1917, Mr. and Mrs. Bushell lost their home in Picton-road.

R.A.F.—W.A.A.F.

As so many cannot call during the week, the R.A.F. Recruiting Officer from the Chatham Recruiting Office is paying a visit to the A.T.C. headquarters, Chatham House, Ramsgate, on Sunday, 11th October, from 10.30 to 12.30.

Further particulars will be found in our publicity columns.

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WAR-TIME SCOUTING

There is so much news for this month's Scout Column that I am afraid only the more important items can rightly claim the fuller report. But that means a state of very healthy activity in Scouting locally.

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The War Service Patrols Training Camp held up in the Betteshanger woods was something that even the sturdy over 15s will remember for its vigour. Faversham, Deal, Canterbury, Sandwich and East Kent sent nearly 40 picked Scouts. Those daytime stunts with full pack made one rather uncomfortably warm, while the night downpour gave ample cooling down variety. A Scouter padre conducted early service on Sunday morning. A three-mile run gave an excellent appetite for breakfast, while after meals maps were made with the box compass and a scale ruler with the end sights fitted. Our own D.C. was in his element in charge of the knotting and pioneering. The 50ft. rope bridge was used later in what Scouts call the Commando obstacle race, which included tree and rope climbing, and passing through a dense smoke screen with full pack. After tea on Sunday the County Commissioner, who had come down specially from Chislehurst, gave his own comments on the camp. East Kent, he said, had produced better patrol leaders than other parts of the county, but Brig.-Gen. Clark said that rope climbing and tree climbing was decidedly the weakest part of the programme in all the four county camps. Finally the Field Commissioner, Mr. Jack Dorgan, M.M., of Northumberland, gave his summing up, and the camp closed with the Chief's yell and chorus. We reached Ramsgate just before 7.30 p.m., having spent a week-end that will be long remembered, but chiefly in the following two days as far as loosening muscles were concerned.

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As forecast in our last column, our local association pow-wow on the Commissioner's report on post-war Scouting has taken place. About 30 representatives of Scouters, Cubbers and Patrol Leaders took part and were joined by Guiders of our sister movement. The D.C. presided and the A.D.C. acted as secretary in the discussions for our proposals that are required by the County Commissioner.

In the main features the report met with completely unanimous acceptance and the wide vision of those who have done such good service by their comprehensive survey of the problems that will have to be faced is to be warmly commended.

Badges will come in for some alteration. It is suggested that all technical badges should be examined by Board of Education examiners, leaving Scouters free with only the Scouting badges like pioneering, tracking, etc. To ensure that Scouts attain the first class badge before trying to secure a wide range of proficiency badges, it may be that he is limited to six badges until he gains his first class. When a Cub goes up into the Scouts he loses his Cub badges, as all similar Scout badges are of a considerably higher standard of achievement. If a Cub reaches his 2nd star stage to show that he has gained good Cub experience, he may be awarded a leaping Wolf Cub badge, which he may wear until he has won his 2nd class Scout badge. It is perhaps only natural that a Cub who has his 2nd star and six badges feels "cold" when he becomes a Scout without any proficiency badge at all. Similarly it is suggested that a King's Scout should be allowed to wear this badge when he goes up into the Rovers.

Closer co-operation between the Scouts and Guides is looked for. Although the Guides are a sister movement, with policy, organisation and rules very much akin to our own, there has been little contact. With problems locally much the same for both of us, it is to be hoped that, say, a joint quarterly meeting takes place for Scouters and Guiders, when such interchange of training as would benefit both boys and girls will be arranged. The boys could show the Guides how to fit up morse buzzers and keys, while in return Scouts would benefit from a little practical cooking advice from the girls.

There were other important items that concern mainly the Scouter, such as the size of troops and the number in a group. The suggested size of 100 in a group might be divided approximately between say five or six patrols (each with eight Scouts), and 35 or 40 Cubs, with larger Rover crews. Local conditions, however, must be the final factor. Personally I think that locally the number in each group is more likely to average round about 80.

In view of the shortage of technical instructors, it might be possible to arrange for a number of troops to share the same instructor, and save man-power. There, I am afraid, we must leave the report for the moment, although this does little justice to it.

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The Cubmaster, Miss L. Powell, and the Asst. Cubmaster, Miss J. Dubery, of the Ramsgate Composite Group, both received their warrants and badges from the District Commissioner earlier the same evening as the pow-wow. Both Cubbers are serving in the W.R.N.S. The Cubs were there in good array.

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The following appointments are made for proficiency badge examinations:

Carpenter badge—Mr. A. E. Jones, 37 Queen Bertha-road, Ramsgate.

Fireman's badge (nominated by Coy. Officer P. Pritchard)—L/Fm. E. Jones and L/Fm. A. Cox, Thanet-road N.F.S. station.

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Badges won during the past month are as follows:

2nd Class—J. Clements (Ramsgate Composite), F. Sawtell (1st. St. Lawrence).

Basketworker—P. Easton (5th Ramsgate).

Pathfinder—J. Beadle and R. Mannings (1st St. Lawrence).

Marksman—R. Mannings (1st St. Lawrence).

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A course of instruction for the fireman's badge has been arranged to take place at Thanet-road N.F.S. station, commencing on Wednesday, 14th October, at 7.15 p.m. The number from the association is limited to 12 Scouts (over 13), and names should be sent in to the A.D.C. by each group immediately. Uniform must be worn.

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Camp Report.—Through the courtesy of S/M Goodman, of the 1st Bishopsbourne Troop, who placed his headquarters at the disposal of the Ramsgate Central Composite Group, the Scouts were able to spend a long week-end at Bishopsbourne, in spite of the ban on tents. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. This headquarters, built mainly by the Scouts themselves on the exact lines of a Canadian lumber cabin, with log walls, shingle roof and huge open brick fireplace, preserved a Scouty atmosphere throughout the camp. As timber was plentiful, the opportunity was well used for forestry and a number of the troop can claim to be quite young experts with a felling axe. Saturday night was given over to a real hearty sing-song and makes one of the happiest memories of the time. Thanks are due to the parents for their co-operation. Due to the way they solved the food problem between them, rationing seemed a thing of the past.

C.F.W.

NO LONGER JUSTIFIED

AMBULANCE STAFF OFFICER'S APPOINTMENT TERMINATED

On the recommendation of the Civil Defence Committee, Ramsgate Town Council have decided to terminate the appointment of Mr. E. E. Waters as ambulance staff officer.

With the approval of the Ministry of Health, Mr. Waters was appointed ambulance staff officer at a remuneration of £5 10s. per week as from 1st January, 1940, for the purpose of undertaking various duties of a supervisory nature in connection with the casualty service.

In view of the substantial depletion of personnel in the casualty service, the committee considered the necessity for the continuation of the appointment and came to the conclusion that it could no longer be justified, especially in view of the recent reorganisation of the casualty service and the appointment of two depot superintendents, who act in a supervisory capacity.

The report of the committee, presented at a meeting of the Council on Thursday, continued:

"The Council are reminded of the very valuable work which Mr. Waters performed voluntarily prior to and following the outbreak of war in the organisation and training of the casualty service personnel, and the committee regret that circumstances have now led to the present position. The committee desire that steps shall be taken as soon as posible to find Mr. Waters employment on the temporary staff of the Council as soon as opportunity arises."

The committee recommended that Mr. Waters' appointment be determined by a month's notice to expire on 31st October.

The recommendation was adopted.

DEFERMENTS SOUGHT

FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS

The report of the Works Committee presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday stated that Mr. E. S. Hole, Deputy Borough Surveyor, became de-reserved on 1st October and that application had been made for his deferment for as long as possible in view of the nature of his duties, which were largely concerned with Civil Defence, and the fact that Mr. Hole was the only remaining fully qualified technical member of the Borough Engineer's staff.

The Borough Treasurer (Mr. H. Oliver Jones) reported to the Finance Committee that a notice had been received from the Ministry of Health to the effect that the decision of the Ministry of Labour and National Service on the application for the deferment of Mr. E. H. Clarke was that the calling up be deferred until 30th November, after which date he must be regarded as available for calling up.

The Borough Treasurer informed the committee that the trained staff of his department had now been reduced to an absolute minimum and that if Mr. Clarke was called up it would be impossible to maintain even the existing standard of work in the department and serious consequences might result.

The committee recommended that the Town Clerk and the Borough Treasurer be authorised to take all possible steps to obtain a further deferment in respect of Mr. Clarke.

The Council concurred in the recommendation.

LINEN FOR RUSSIA

Russia's hospitals are in urgent need of bed linen and Mrs. Henry Martin, chairman of the Comforts Fund for Women and Children of the Soviet Union, has appealed to British housewives to send sheets and pillow cases. Ramsgate W.V.S. will accept the responsibility of receiving and dispatching any linen which may be sent to the headquarters at 14 Effingham-street. The linen will be received on Monday and Friday between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m. and on Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

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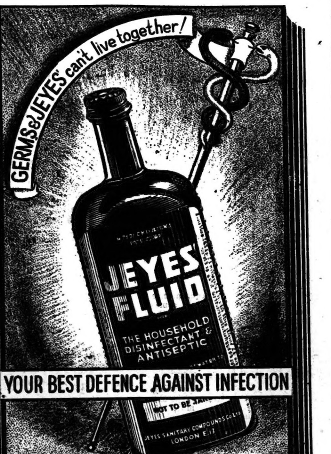

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PETROL SUB-COMMITTEE'S GOOD WORK

The sub-committee of Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee appointed to investigate and report on the consumption of petrol by C.D. vehicles, have decided that it is possible to have too much of a good thing.

The sub-committee have done a good job of work and since they began their investigations there has been a considerable reduction in the amount of petrol consumed.

The fourth report of the sub-committee, presented at a meeting of the Town Council on Thursday, stated:

"The sub-committee are of the opinion that the time and labour involved in examining each log book separately and checking the uses to which each vehicle has been put are not justified so long as the rate of petrol consumption does not vary considerably from the amounts shown in the tables of statistics for the months of July and August, and they therefore recommend that the sub-committee discontinue monthly meetings and the examination in detail of log books and reports relating to the consumption of petrol and the use of vehicles until such time as circumstances arise which in their opinion make the resumption of such actions on their part necessary."

The Council approved the recommendation.

DID HE MEAN BOMBS?

"We are not getting any tomatoes, but they are in the district round about. The more they get the better for us."

The above is an extract from a letter to his mother at Margate by a prisoner of war in Germany.

STORING THE NATION'S IRON RATION

Germany had to cut her potato ration by half this summer. For some days during July both Hamburg and Vienna were entirely without supplies. Potatoes are our national insurance. Our farmers have increased their potato acreage by 70 per cent. and they have been asked for a further 10 per cent. increase next year. But it is not enough to grow greater supplies. They must be stored safely. Much loss has occurred in the past owing to bad storage. This must not happen again, or the nation's "iron ration" will be jeopardised.

Most farmers will be storing potatoes out of doors in clamps—or pies or "graves" as they are called in some parts. Clamp sites should be level and near good roads. The clamp base varies in width according to district. The farmer's War Agricultural Committee will tell him the best width for the district. Clamps are shaped like an inverted "V." Sides and ridge must be even when the pile is finished and all hollows must be avoided.

The heap is thatched with a 6 to 8 inch layer of straight wheat straw, firmly packed and running from top to bottom. A spit of soil can be put here and there to keep the straw in place. The ridge is made weather-proof with a separate thatch. The clamp is left for a week or ten days to allow for "sweating." Then an 8 inch layer of soil is put over the straw, but the ridge is left free for the present. Strips 6 inches wide, running from base to ridge, are also left free from soil every 4 yards to permit ventilation. These strips are filled a fortnight later, still leaving the ridge open. The soil covering is dug from a trench alongside the clamp, leaving a ledge 2 feet wide all round the clamp as base for the covering. Make sure that rain-water drains away from the clamp.

As soon as frost is likely, a further 4 inches of soil is added. The ridge can be left a little time longer; but as soon as frost comes the ridge should be covered with soil or a heavy layer of straw. Potato haulms should not be used instead.

For further protection in prolonged and severe frost, a layer of strawy manure or hedge brushings may be put on the clamp. If the potatoes have not been sold by early spring, the manure and straw should be removed and, a little later, part of the soil from the ridge.

Potatoes may be stored in dry, frost-proof sheds, but the stack height should not exceed about 4 feet. All light must be excluded from the tubers, and the heaps must be well covered with straw.

You must read the Friday "Thanet" to keep abreast of local affairs.

SERVING THE LONDON ROAD

RAMSGATE BUS SERVICE VARIATIONS

Bus services in Ramsgate are to be varied in order to provide facilities for people living on the London-road between Grange-road and Nethercourt-hill.

The report of the Watch Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that a letter had been received from the Regional Transport Commissioner, intimating that he had received a petition from a number of Ramsgate residents seeking omnibus facilities through London-road, which lies between Grange-road and Nethercourt-hill.

The Commissioner felt that there was some merit in the suggestion and he was advised that the best course for adoption would be to divert services Nos. 66 and 87 (Ramsgate to Sandwich, Deal and Dover, and vice versa) via London-road and Nethercourt-circus instead of via Grange-road and St. Lawrence. Such diversion would provide 16 journeys daily in each direction along London-road. The Commissioner pointed out that although the diversion would doubtless cause some inconvenience to the residents of the St. Lawrence Church district, this locality would still be served by services Nos. 9 and 69 (Ramsgate to Manston, Minster and Canterbury, and vice versa), which operate approximately every hour throughout the day.

It had also been suggested to the Commissioner that services Nos. 49 and 49a might also be diverted via Nethercourt-circus but he was satisfied that to do so would cause serious complications with regard to the running times of these services, consequent upon the additional mileage involved.

Before authorising the East Kent Road Car Co. to put the proposed diversion along the London-road into effect, the Commissioner had asked whether the Council had any observations to make in the matter.

It was decided to inform the Commissioner that the Council welcomed the proposed diversion of services Nos. 66 and 87.

At an earlier meeting the committee received a letter stating that after careful consideration the general manager of the East Kent Road Car Co. was of the opinion that the diversion of certain buses on the Ramsgate-Margate service along Newington-road and Whitehall-road to provide a bus service for the Newington district would not be in the interests of the general public.

HARDY FAMILY AGAIN

WOMEN IN WAR AT KING'S

More hilarious adventures of a popular screen family are seen in "The Courtship of Andy Hardy," which is being screened at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

Mickey Rooney is, of course, the inimitable, precocious Andy and he was never better than in this screamingly funny story of his romance with the screen's new charmer, Donna Reed. Lewis Stone, appears once again as the head of the Hardy family, a wise, small-town judge whose "man-to-man" talks with Mickey provide some of the film's highlights. Fay Holden, Cecilia Parker, in her most dramatic role in the series, Ann Rutherford and Sara Haden all appear in their familiar characterisations. A superb drama of a condemned man, "To-day I Hang," starring Walter Woolf King and Mona Barrie, is also being shown.

Spectacular and topical, "Women in War," which is the main attraction for the latter half of the week, has a great public appeal. With the heroic work of the "girls behind the lines" as its background, the film tells a dramatic story. Wendy Barrie, arraigned for the murder of an unwelcome admirer, whose death was really the result of an accidental fall, is discharged on condition that she enrols in the Overseas Nursing Corps. And the commandant is the mother she has never known—her parents were divorced when she was a baby. That great actress, Elsie Janis, plays this mother role, a part which calls for her to be a tight-lipped, unemotional martinet. Wendy becomes enamoured with a young airman, the fiancee of one of her room mates, and the jealousy occasioned by this triangular situation intensifies the drama. Thrills galore will be found in "The Devil Pays Off," featuring J. Edward Bromberg and Osa Massen, which will also be shown.

SAVED HER SON

MARGATE WOMAN KILLED IN FIRE

Falling 35ft. from the window of her flat to the pavement below, Mrs. Ann Marjorie Lawes, wife of Mr. George Lawes, formerly of 5 Mill-lane, Margate, lost her life as a result of a fire at Cheltenham last week.

Mrs. Lawes and her 10-year-old son were trapped when fire broke out in a large building in which Mrs. Lawes occupied a flat.

By knotting sheets together she made a rope and lowered her son to safety. Mrs. Lawes then either jumped or fell from the window and sustained injuries which resulted in her death in hospital the same evening.

From another window an airman, his wife and three small children reached safety by jumping into a blanket held by a Home Guard and neighbours.

Thirty-nine years of age, Mrs. Lawes was a native of Gillingham. She met her husband in Margate and they were married about 15 years ago. The family left Margate two years ago when Mr. Lawes, a driver employed by the East Kent Road Car Co., was stationed at Cheltenham as a driver on the Cheltenham-London service. Recently Mr. Lawes was transferred to London and was away from Cheltenham at the time of the tragedy.

Mrs. Lawes was buried at Margate Cemetery on Friday.

INTERNED IN MANILA

NEWS OF MARGATE COUNCILLOR'S SON

News has been received that Mr. Gerald H. Pedder, son of Councillor and Mrs. H. G. Pedder, of 41 Windsor-avenue, Margate, is interned at Santo Tomas internment camp, Manila.

The news, which comes via the Foreign Office from Japanese official sources in the Philippines, is the first Councillor and Mrs. Pedder have had of their son for 12 months.

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, Mr. Pedder, who is 32 years of age, went to the Philippines in 1933 when he took up a position with a firm of sugar and hemp factors at Manila. He opened a new branch for the firm at Bacolod and was due to come home on leave in November, 1939. Owing to the outbreak of war he returned to Manila and became a temporary member of the staff of the British Consul-General as passport officer.

REVISED TARGET REACHED

CHURCHILL TANKS TO BEAR MARGATE'S NAME

Margate's "Tanks for Attack" campaign has succeeded and the name of the town will be inscribed on two Churchill tanks.

Each tank will also bear the names of three savings groups and it has already been decided that the town's elementary schools shall be one of the groups to have their name inscribed.

Including savings certificates, deposits in the Post Office savings bank and defence bonds in the ten weeks campaign, Margate set out to raise £37,525, representing an increase of 30 per cent. over the figure for the corresponding weeks last year, but this sum was not quite reached, a total of £35,891 being saved.

It was felt, however, that as defence bonds are not small savings they could not fairly be included in the campaign and on Thursday Margate Savings Committee received from the National Savings Committee an intimation that where the returns showed that the target would have been reached had the bonds been excluded, they would be regarded as having reached their objective. This had the effect of reducing the target figure to £29,499 and as the amount actually subscribed after deducting the bonds was £30,746, Margate has therefore exceeded its objective by a narrow margin.

The amount saved comprised savings certificates £15,390 and net deposits in the Post Office savings bank £15,356. Defence bonds during the campaign represented a figure of £5,145.

The campaign ended on Saturday and its most encouraging feature was the effort of the savings groups. They were asked to subscribe £3,461 5s. but more than doubled that amount, their savings in the ten weeks totalling £7,759 9s. 6d. During the last week, when a special appeal was made to them to convert their savings stamps into certificates or pay them into the savings bank, a total of £2,632 3s. 9d. was invested. Of this sum the groups in Park Ward alone contributed £1,118 12s.

The ten wards in the borough were each given a target for their combined groups and all objectives were well exceeded with one exception. The ward figures were: Birchington (target £500), £1,181 8s.; Cecil (£264 4s. 11d.), £795 6s. 5d.; Cliftonville (£321 8s. 6d.), £926 16s. 6d.; Ethelbert (£316 11s. 7d.), £458 12s. 6d.; Marine (£416 0s. 3d.), £545 2s. 1d.; Park (£537 3s. 4d.), £2,028 13s. 6d.; Pier (£152 14s. 2d.), £318 1s.; Salmestone (£357 3s. 7d.), £558 0s. 6d.; West (£295 18s. 8d.), £282; Westgate (£300), £665 9s.

Since January, 1940, Margate has saved and loaned to the Government a total of £801,935.

TOBRUK RAID

MARGATE SAILOR MISSING

Following the recent raid on Tobruk, Tel. Charles Edward Warren, R.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Warren, of 69 All Saints'-road, Margate, who was serving on an M.T.B. which ran aground, has been reported missing.

A few days before receiving the official notification that he was missing, Mrs. Warren received a letter from her son dated 5th September saying he was safe and well.

Twenty-four years of age, Tel. Warren, an old boy of New Cross-street School, joined the Navy in 1938. He helped to assist in the evacuation of the B.E.F. from Dunkirk and last year was serving on a ship which was torpedoed in the Atlantic.

SUSPENDED FROM HIS JOB

FOOD OFFICIAL'S TRAGIC DEATH

TROUBLES KEPT FROM WIFE

Worried because he had been suspended from his job following some minor irregularities with regard to money, Norman Claude Field, aged 34, of Chequer-lane, Ash, Ministry of Food slaughter-house manager for the Ramsgate and Ash districts, was found dead in his gas-filled office at Winstanley-crescent, Ramsgate, last week.

Field leaves a widow and two children and at the inquest on Wednesday the Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) suggested that had he confided his troubles to his wife the tragedy would probably not have occurred.

Reginald William Field, of Church-street, Ticehurst, Sussex, a brother, identified two letters as having been written by the deceased. His brother was perfectly normal in every way and witness had not heard him threaten to take his life. At Easter when witness last saw him he said he was getting on well with his job.

Cyril Frank Danton, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, a slaughterman employed by his father, said Field had an office at his father's slaughterhouse at Winstanley-crescent.

At about 7 a.m. on Monday witness arrived at the slaughterhouse and noticed the key in the lock of the office door. Witness entered the office and saw Field lying on the floor. There was a strong smell of gas in the room. A tube leading to a gas fire had been disconnected. The loose end of the tube was lying on the floor close to Field's head. The tap was full on and gas was escaping. Witness turned the gas off at the meter and, returning to the office, came to the conclusion that Field was dead.

Cheerful Disposition.

Witness said he found on the table two envelopes, one addressed to Field's wife and one to a friend. He had known Field for 18 months and he was normally of a cheerful disposition.

Dr. A. N. Gordon, police surgeon, who was called to the slaughterhouse, said in his opinion Field had been dead for some time, probably since the previous evening. The black-out curtains had not been drawn. Death was due to coal-gas poisoning.

Edward John Payne, of Watling-street, Strood, county slaughterhouse agent for Kent for the Ministry of Food, said Field was under his supervision. He was in charge of the slaughterhouses at Ramsgate and Ash. He had been employed by the Ministry for nearly three years. Field was always a cheerful man and a good worker.

Witness said there were certain irregularities with regard to money and Field on Saturday had to go to see the Area Meat Live Stock Officer. As a result of these enquiries Field was suspended from his work.

"The irregularities were not very serious," said witness, "and should not have caused a normal man to take his life."

Witness said he saw Field on Friday and told him he had been instructed to make enquiries. He had not paid over certain monies he should have done but on the Friday night Field made out a cheque for the amounts and handed it to the people concerned.

Took It Badly.

The following day at High Wycombe Field was interviewed by the Area Meat Live Stock Officer in witness' presence. After hearing the explanation the area officer suspended Field. Field took it rather badly. He asked to be given another chance and the area officer replied that that would have to be considered by a higher authority.

Witness said that afterwards Field seemed very worried and said he had not told his wife anything about it. Witness advised him to do so. He had never had cause to complain of Field's work.

Mrs. Lucy Field, the widow, said her husband had not been in the habit of telling her about his financial affairs, although she had asked him to.

On Saturday night he returned to Ash. He was very quiet and seemed worried. He generally asked what the children had been doing but on this occasion he did not do so. It was most unusual.

The following morning witness asked her husband what was wrong and he said he felt tired. He got up and made witness some tea as usual and went out soon after nine o'clock. He said he was going to make a telephone call to Mr. Payne.

Witness expected her husband back for breakfast but he did not return and she never saw him again. She had tried to get her husband to tell her what was worrying him but he would not do so.

The Coroner said Field had written a very affectionate letter addressed to his wife and he proposed afterwards to hand it to her. He intended reading only the part which would affect his judgment in the case.

Made a Mess.

The Coroner read a passage which began "I have made a mess of things again. Why, I don't know. I really think I am better out of the way . . . People will say I am a coward to leave you like this . . . I am leaving the children behind because I know they will be a comfort to you. Why I am behaving as I do God knows."

Mr. Robinson said it was a very affectionate and a very nice letter.

The Coroner said the second letter left by Field was addressed to Mr. Files. It began "Dear Rex. This is all too awful. Why I must go out like this I don't know. Please do what you can for my wife and two boys. I have the last two months expenses cheque to come and that will help. Pray for me. Yours, Norman."

The Coroner said he had read the letter because it placed beyond doubt the fact that Field took his own life. He found that at the time he took his life the balance of his mind was disturbed.

"He was obviously very worried after his interview with the area officer," said the Coroner. "I think if he had told his wife about it or told any friend about his trouble he would probably not have taken his life. It was keeping it to himself and brooding upon it that made him take his life. Irregularities had been committed but it appears they were not of such a serious nature as would have resulted in him losing his position, although he probably feared it."

The Coroner expressed his sympathy with Mrs. Field and the children.

PENSIONER'S ANONYMOUS GIFT

An anonymous donation of 5s. has been received by Ramsgate General Hospital from an old-age pensioner aged 78, living at Broadstairs, who sent his gift in lieu of garden produce.

BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION

MISSING MARGATE AIRMAN

Previously reported missing, Sgt. Air-Gnr. Edwin Charles Alfred Coules, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Coules, of 85 Glencoe-road, Margate, has now been posted as missing believed killed.

A report from the International Red Cross, quoting Berlin information, stated that Sgt. Coules was believed to have lost his life in action on 3rd September.

Nineteen years of age, Sgt. Coules took part in one of the thousand-bomber raids and had also taken part in attacks on Germany and enemy-occupied territory. He was an old Pettman Central School boy and was formerly a member of the St. Paul's Troop of Boy Scouts.

In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Coules, Sgt. Coules' commanding officer wrote: "Your son was popular in the squadron and was fast becoming an ace air-gunner. He is greatly missed in the sergeants' mess and his loss is regretted by all."

COOL COURAGE

EXAMPLE WHICH WON M.C. FOR MARGATE OFFICER

"By cool control and encouragement during the retirement from Benghazi, Capt. George set an example of the highest standard, and was very largely responsible for the successful retirement of his battery."

The above is an extract from the citation of the award of the Military Cross to Capt. Leonard Edgar George, R.A., of Margate, announced in our columns a fortnight ago.

The report of the Commander in Chief Middle East stated:

"Capt. George has continually distinguished himself and his coolness and indifference has set a praiseworthy example. On one occasion during the heat of an enemy attack this officer organised a flying patrol with Bren guns in an endeavour to counteract low-level dive-bombing in the target area, and on another occasion he successfully organised a fire-fighting party which succeeded in extinguishing a large petrol dump fire in the vicinity of a gun site, whilst at the same time being heavily bombed."

INDULGED TOO FREELY

SPENT NIGHT ON SOFA

A plea for a soldier by a man who found him asleep in his house when he got up one morning was made at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Gnr. Graham Maurice Beaumont, aged 23, stationed at Broadstairs, was charged on remand with being found on enclosed premises with intent to steal.

When the case first came before the magistrates two days previously P/S Galer said that at 7.25 a.m. on Sunday he went to 89 Glencoe-road, Margate, where he saw defendant detained by Mr. George Bilcliffe, the occupier, who told him he had just come downstairs and found the man asleep on the sofa. He did not know him and he had no right to be there. When asked by witness for an explanation, defendant said "I left Dreamland dance hall about half-past ten last night with the intention of walking to my unit at Broadstairs. I had had some drink and lost my way. I found the back door open so I entered and went to sleep." In reply to the charge defendant said "I did not enter with the intention of stealing."

On Wednesday Mr. Bilcliffe told the magistrates that he went to bed about 9.30 p.m. on Saturday, leaving the back door unlocked, which was usual. When he came downstairs at 7.20 the next morning he flashed his torch round the room and saw defendant lying asleep on the sofa. When asked what he was doing there he said a policeman told him to come there. As his explanation was unsatisfactory witness' son telephoned for the police. Defendant was very drowsy and dopey, and smelt strongly of drink. Nothing was missing from the house.

"As we have suffered no harm in any way," added witness, "I hope you will deal as leniently as possible with him."

Beaumont said he had too much drink the night before and did not know what he was doing.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) announced that the charge would be dismissed on payment of £1 2s. 6d. costs.

"It is very obvious," he said, addressing defendant, "that you indulged rather too freely. Since you did not enter the premises with any criminal intent you will be let off with a caution."

ALTERED RAILWAY TICKET

SOLDIER FINED

Cpl. Albert Edward Inns, aged 26, pleaded guilty at Margate police court on Wednesday to travelling on the Southern Railway on 25th June without paying his fare and with intent to avoid payment.

There was a second summons for buying a ticket from a person who was not an authorised servant or agent of the railway company.

Prosecuting for the railway company, Mr. J. H. Jones said defendant was travelling in a train from Margate to London on 25th June and during the journey was asked by a collector for his ticket. He produced a Government rate ticket issued free to soldiers going on leave. The date had been altered from 1st May to 31st May, and the destination which was originally Deal had been changed to London. Asked how he obtained the ticket, he said he bought it for 5s. Such tickets were sent by the railway company to Army units and issued from the orderly rooms. Defendant would not say from whom he obtained the ticket.

Defendant accepted the solicitor's statement and said when the ticket inspector told him the ticket was no use he offered to pay the fare.

An officer from defendant's unit said a military investigation had been taking place to ascertain how defendant obtained the ticket. There were military charges against him. He had been in the Army two years and his record was good.

The magistrates imposed fines of £1 on each of the two summonses.

WAR OFFICE AT No. 16

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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Rflmn. W. R. Bushell, a Ramsgate man and formerly a Metropolitan policeman, has been awarded the D.C.M. His home is at 12 Cumberland-road, Ramsgate. He enjoys the distinction of having been bandaged after being wounded by a German soldier, who accompanied him into the British lines and surrendered.

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Mr. Arthur L. Thomas has been gazetted second-lieutenant in the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment, a unit of the regular Army. He is well-known in Thanet, having been classical master at the Ramsgate County School for five years. He is at present in France.

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Pte. Victor Swaine, Artists Rifles, of Broadstairs, writes from France that all is well with him.

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Letter to the Editor: "In view of the Government decision to allow reprisals it is suggested that a flag day be held in Ramsgate for providing dug-outs for the civilian population of Germany. Doesn't the Archbishop tell us we must love our enemies? Let's protect them."

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Major Allan F. Leach-Lewis, of Margate, has been appointed to the staff at the General Headquarters of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

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Pte. E. Lewis, of Granville-road, Broadstairs, has been wounded in the face by shrapnel splinters. He was expected home shortly but is now in a Canadian clearing station in Belgium. He is in the Post Office Rifles.

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Stkr. W. Richardson, of 62 Hardres-street, Ramsgate, has gained the D.S.M. for "carrying on" when wounded in the Heligoland Battle. He has been in the Navy for ten years.

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The past few days will stand out in the history of the war as the record period for air raids on England. Visits by German aeroplanes have been nightly occurrences and although the enemy has made immense efforts to carry out his early threat to bring London to ruins his failure has been complete and must be disappointing. In most of the raids the Kent coast appears to have been the first landmark chosen by the raiders in the bright moonlight and the defences have therefore been very active. On one night bombs were dropped after the raiders had been in the London area, the cargo not usable inland being unloaded before the machines went over the sea again.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

RHAPSODY

Seldom, if ever, has Ramsgate witnessed at the end of the summer season so imposing a ceremonial as that on Thursday. Already settling down to the somewhat dull routine of winter months, the good old town was aroused to unwonted gaiety and excitement consequent upon the taking possession of a public park second to none in the United Kingdom. Although by no means a large demesne so far as such things go nowadays, the 12 compact acres comprised in Ellington Park present quite as varied and pretty bits of scenery as can be met with anywhere. Encircled on all sides by a belt of grand old trees, we have here undulating greensward, lovely forest glades in miniature, and cosy nooks among the abundant shrubbery guarded from every Borean blast that blows. This was well illustrated on Thursday, when, although the wind blew with the force of a hurricane at the sea front, the effect was here almost imperceptible. Probably the most imposing part of the day's ceremonial was the procession which extended to about a mile in length and included representatives of all the important public bodies in the town. At two o'clock most of the places of business in the town were closed and large crowds of people made their way to the pier yard, where an interesting half-hour was passed in watching the marshalling of the troops. Along the entire route many thousands of townspeople and visitors had gathered and despite an occasional shower of rain the procession looked extremely well. The crowd was probably most dense at the triumphal arch erected at the top of High-street and from that point to the gates of the park. A Salvation Army officer who occupied a carriage along with a St. Lawrence resident came in for a good deal of notice, as also a well-known ex-alderman of the borough. On the procession reaching the park the keys were handed to the Mayor (Alderman W. P. Blackburn) by Mrs. Sydney Young. The Corporation flag was run up and a salvo of maroons announced to all concerned that the park had been taken over.

CYCLE RACE

A race under the auspices of the Ramsgate Cycling Club was held on Thursday on the Canterbury-road, the course being from the Lord of the Manor to the top of Staines-hill and back to the Ship Inn at Upstreet, a distance of about 14 miles. A good start was made at five o'clock, the competitors being S. Deveson, Whitaker, E. Bourne, F. Bourne and H. Bourne. On the outward journey there was a very strong headwind which much impeded the racers, but after an exciting run the winner was declared to be F. Bourne, who completed the course in 50 minutes, S. Deveson being second in 54 minutes. Whitaker, who was mounted on a tricycle, was well up to time.

STOLEN NETS

On Saturday the mackerel boat "Who would have thought it?" arrived in Ramsgate Harbour and the master (Kelly) reported the loss of 12 nets. They are believed to have been stolen by a French fishing boat, the name of which is unknown, hailing from Gravelines. On Thursday the General Gordon arrived with the loss of several nets supposed to have been stolen by French fishermen.

HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY

ACADEMY WINNER AT ODEON

Patrons of the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, have a treat in store for them this week.

George Raft and Pat O'Brien are co-starred in "Broadway," chief feature to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow. Surprising elements primarily involved in the film are its treatment as a biography of Raft and its skilful presentation as such. In achieving this end Raft is introduced as himself, the film star, in early passages of the film. The story then cuts back dramatically to the "roaring 20's," to deal specifically with the play that was "Broadway," the stage hit. Raft is given an opportunity to display his dancing talents primarily in two numbers, the Charleston and a tango. Raft's romantic lead is capably played by Janet Blair. Also being shown is "Almost Married," with Jane Frazee and Robert Paige.

The Academy Award winner, "How Green Was My Valley," heads the bill for the latter part of the week. This is the brave story of a Welsh family never conquered—not by hardship, hunger or hate—nor by the turbulent years that stole the greenness from their valley. A great book brought faithfully to the screen, it has captured with honesty and strength all the wonderful characterisation of the novel, its vivid scenes, such as the wedding celebrations, or the Welsh miners marching home from their daily work in the coal pits; the power of its drama, as when the preacher denounces the hypocrisy of the villagers; and its haunting charm, as when a young boy is given faith and courage to walk once again. The cast is uncommonly perfect, including Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara, Donald Crisp, Anna Lee and Roddy McDowall.

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TWO KILLED

RAMSGATE VICTIMS OF S.E. RAID

Two Ramsgate men were killed during an air raid on a south-east district on Tuesday.

They were Henry Albert Britton, of 43 Dumpton Park-road, and Frederick Arthur Merrall, of 81 Winstanley-crescent.

Employed by Messrs. Grummant Bros., of Grange-road Ramsgate, Mr. Britton was 44 years of age and during the last war, while serving with the Queen's Regiment, he lost his right eye.

He leaves a widow and an adopted daughter to mourn their loss.

Mr. Merrall was 34 years of age and was employed as a driver by Messrs. Hodgman, of King-street, Ramsgate. A member of D Company (Ramsgate) Home Guard, he leaves a widow and two children aged nine years and nine months.

THREE-MINUTE MEETING

RAMSGATE COUNCIL SILENCE

The members apparently having exhausted themselves at the two-hour private meeting the previous week, Thursday's monthly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council was one of the shortest on record.

The whole of the public business was transacted in under three minutes.

During this time the reports of 11 committee meetings were adopted and there was not a comment on any item in any one of them.

HOT DRINKS FOR HOME GUARD

USEFUL EXPERIENCE FOR W.V.S.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that the Town Clerk reported that from time to time applications were received from military commanders for the supply of refreshments to troops on special work in outlying positions and that recently a suggestion had been received from the Medical Officer of the Home Guard that the mobile canteen might be used to supply hot refreshments at night to units of the Home Guard serving in exposed positions.

"The committee feel that every effort should be made to comply with such requests," stated the report, "and feel that the use of the canteen for such purposes would provide useful experience to the ladies of the W.V.S. who have undertaken to operate the canteen after enemy air raids."

The committee recommended that the canteen be used for the purposes mentioned and that the W.V.S. be asked to provide volunteers to operate it on such occasions.

The recommendation was adopted.

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

On the recommendation of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee Ramsgate Town Council have decided to increase the basic salary of the Parks Superintendent (Mr. R. Clarke) from £375 to £425 per annum by an increase of £50 as from 1st September last.

In making the recommendation the committee stated that they felt that having regard to the work carried out by the Superintendent and the responsibility placed upon him, he should receive a higher salary.

Charities Representative.—Councillor T. H. Prestedge has been appointed by Ramsgate Town Council as a representative trustee to the Ramsgate charities in succession to the late Mr. J. S. G. Langley.

ART AND CRAFTS.

MARGATE CIVIL DEFENCE EXHIBITION

Evidence that the Civil Defence services comprise men and women with varying talents was seen at the Royal School, Margate, last week, when an art and crafts exhibition was held by the Casualty Service Sports Club.

Over 250 entries were received and included jam-making, fruit bottling, cookery—a man took first prize for fruit cake—rug-making, toy-making, woodwork, modelling, photography, painting, and various kinds of needlework. Those with literary ability were not overlooked, for there were classes for poetry and short story writing, while handwriting, impromptu speaking and singing were included.

The exhibition was confined to past and present members of the casualty service, but there was also a garden produce exhibition open to all Civil Defence services, in which the wardens were prominent.

The adjudicators were: handwork, Mr. W. C. Day, A.R.C.A.; cookery, Mr. A. Bowkett; literature, Miss Hopper; singing, Mr. L. Sawyer; garden produce, Mr. J. Graham and Mr. Ovenden.

The prizes were presented by the Mayoress (Mrs. Hoare) at a concert held by the Sports Club at Pettman Central School on Saturday, when the artistes were Mr. Colin Cuthbert, Mrs. Driver, Miss Luckhurst, Mr. A. Starmore (songs), Mr. A. Hodges (monologues), Miss Hopper (elocution), Mrs. Haynes (skipping), Miss Doughty and Mr. F. Wake (piano duets) and Mr. G. Meade (mime).

Members of the No. 1 First Aid Post presented a short sketch and there was also a physical training display.

The Winners.

The awards in the exhibition were as follows:

Fancy needlework, wool—1, Miss S. Gorelick (No. 1 F.A.P.); h.c., Mrs. LaTrobe (No. 3 F.A.P.) and Miss Baxter (No. 3 F.A.P.).

Fancy needlework, silk, tablecloth—1, Miss M. Doughty (No. 1 F.A.P.); 2, Mrs. S. Hawkins (No. 1 F.A.P.); h.c., Mrs. Shaul (Woodford House Depot). Pictures—1, Mrs. Pyle (No. 1 F.A.P.); 2, Mrs. Morris (No. 3 F.A.P.). Cushion covers—1, Miss Enderby (No. 1 F.A.P.); h.c., Mrs. Hawkins (No. 1 F.A.P.) and Mr. Welch. Miscellaneous—1, Miss Poulter (No. 3 F.A.P.); 2, Mrs. Power (Woodford House Depot).

Embroidery—1, Miss Ovenden (No. 1 F.A.P.); 2, Miss M. Doughty.

Plain needlework—1, Miss M. Doughty; h.c., Mr. F. Wake (Fairlawn Party Depot).

Knitting—1, Mrs. Fosher (No. 3 F.A.P.); 2, Mrs. Dobell (No. 3 F.A.P.); 3, Miss M. Doughty.

Knitting—1, Miss Mayers (No. 3 F.A.P.); 2, Mrs. Petley (No. 1 F.A.P.).

Crochet—1, Mrs. Dobell; h.c., Mrs. Neve (No. 1 F.A.P.) and Mrs. Pyle.

Rug-making—1, Mr. Tapsell.

Plain cake—1, Mrs. Kemp (No. 1 F.A.P.); h.c., Miss Mayers.

Fruit cake—1, Mr. Smith (Woodford House Depot); 2, Mrs. Wake (No. 1 F.A.P.); 3, Mrs. E. C. Brown (No. 3 F.A.P.) h.c., Mrs Pyle.

Pastry—1, Mrs. Petley; 2, Mr. Smith (Woodford House Depot); 3, Mrs. Kemp.

Bottled fruit—1, Mrs. Wake (No. 1 F.A.P.); 2, Miss Luckhurst (No. 1 F.A.P.).

Jam—1, Mrs. Haynes; 2, Mrs. Wake.

Craftwork—1, Mrs. E. C. Brown; 2, Miss Baxter.

Paper flowers—1, Mr. E. Bell (Fairlawn Party Depot).

Woodwork—1, Mr. A. Duncombe.

Modelling—1, Mr. G. Meade (Fairlawn Party Depot).

Flower display—1, Miss Luckhurst; 2, Mrs. Power.

Toy-making—1, Mr. F. Wake (Fairlawn Party Depot); 2, Mr. H. Edgington (No. 3 F.A.P.); 3, Mr. G. Head (Fairlawn Party Depot).

Thrift—1, Mrs. Pyle; 2, Mrs. Jones (No. 1 F.A.P.).

Singing—1, Mrs. Driver.

Reading at sight—1, Mrs. Shaul; 2, Miss Luckhurst; 3, Mrs. Petley.

Impromptu speaking—1, Mr. C. Case (Saxon-road Depot).

General knowledge—1, Mrs. Petley and Mrs. Shaul (tie); 3, Mr. C. Case.

Handwriting—1, Mrs. Petley; 2, Mr. R. Cornelious (No. 3 F.A.P.); 3, Mr. Emptage (Transport).

Poem—1, Mr. A. Hodges (Woodford House Depot).

Essay—1, Miss Baxter.

Short story—1, Mrs. Tuffin (No. 1 F.A.P.).

Lettering—1, Mr. Fox (No. 1 F.A.P.).

Sketching—1, Mrs J. D. G. Reeve (No. 3 F.A.P.); 2, Mr. R. Cornelious.

Painting—1, Mrs. J. D. G. Reeve; 2, Mrs. Lockwood (No. 3 F.A.P.).

Photography (competitors' work throughout), landscape—1, Mr. Emptage; architecture—1, Mr. Emptage.

Photography, landscape—1, Miss LeMay (No. 3 F.A.P.); architecture—1, Miss LeMay; snapshot—1, Mrs. Kemp.

Garden Produce.

Prizewinners in the garden produce show were:

Scarlet runner beans—1, E. C. Nash (Birchington); 2, C. E. B. Hawkins (Birchington).

Beet—1, A. Hannell; 2, Mrs. M. E. Jones.

Cabbage or savoys—1, A. Hannell.

Carrots—1, E. Holness; 2, W. C. Smith (Birchington).

Celery—1, J. Piper (Birchington).

Cucumbers—1, C. E. B. Hawkins.

Shallots—1, E. C. Nash.

Lettuce—1, M. Baker.

Vegetable marrow—1, Mrs. Wake; 2, Mrs. Balmer (Birchington).

Onions—1, F. Redman; 2, E. C. Nash.

Parsnips—1, E. C. Nash.

Potatoes, kidney—1, W. Fright (Garlinge); 2, F. Redman. Round—1, Burton; 2, A. Hodges (Birchington).

Tomatoes—1, A. Hodges; 2, W. Luetchford (Birchington).

Turnips—1, Edmunds.

Collection of six varieties of vegetables—1, W. Fright.

Apples—1, L. C. Ettridge; 2, C. E. B. Hawkins.

Pears—1, C. E. B. Hawkins; 2, Liddutt.

Vase of cut flowers—1, Mrs. Bodley.

Novelty or freak exhibit—1, J. Piper (tomatoes); 2. Miss M. E. Morton (Birchington).

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Flying Cadets.—Last week 35 members of Ramsgate A.T.C. were taken for flights of 15 minutes duration in a DeHavilland Dragon biplane.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

No Change in Population.—During the months of July and August 10 boys and 13 girls were born in Ramsgate and the deaths were registered of nine males and 14 females.

Thank Offering Day.—The Vicar of St. Lawrence (the Rev. J. H. Roundhill) will be in the church from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. on Thank Offering Day—Friday—to receive gifts to the church from members and friends.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen street, Ramsgate.

National Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 26th September amounted to £3,038, comprising £1,199 deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, £1,195 in defence bonds and £644 in savings certificates.

His First Offence.—A fine of 5s. was imposed by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday on Samuel Thomas Battersby, aged 55, labourer, of Turner-street, who pleaded guilty to committing a nuisance in a passage leading off George-street on 6th September. Defendant wrote stating it was his first offence in 55 years.

Tunnel Medical Aid.—At the request of Regional Officers an additional medical aid post is to be provided in the deep tunnel shelters at Ramsgate near to the Cannon-road car park entrance. The Borough Engineer's estimate of the cost of establishing the post, excluding the provision of beds and furniture, is £124.

First Aid Posts.—The whole-time establishment of Ramsgate Civil Defence first aid posts has been reduced, at the request of the Regional Authority, to the authorised figure of 26. The Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) has completed the selection of the personnel, totalling 15, for transfer to the Kent Civil Defence Mobile Reserve.

Less Light.—For technical reasons and on account of the difficulty of obtaining supplies of bulbs, every alternate bulb in the electric lighting system of the subsidiary deep tunnel shelters at Ramsgate is being removed. The work of providing a reserve water supply in the tunnels is to be completed as soon as possible.

Fire Guard Training.—The Fire Guard Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have decided that wherever practicable all fire guards shall in their training be given opportunity for the practical treatment of incendiary bombs and the Fire Guard Staff Officer has been authorised to make application to the Regional Authorities for two additional fire huts.

Library Issues.—The number of books issued from Ramsgate Public Library during August was 7,369, an increase of 1,371 over the figure for the corresponding month last year. The number of juvenile members increased during the month by 269 and adults by 124. As from the first Monday in November and for the remainder of the winter the reading room and lending department will be closed daily at 6 p.m.

West Cliff Dances.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday granted extensions to the music and dancing license at the West Cliff Theatre until 12.30 a.m. for dances to be held by the Air Training Corps on 6th November and by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) on behalf of his Troops Comforts Fund on 19th November. At the latter dance music will be provided by the Royal Air Force Central Band, Uxbridge. Occasional licenses in respect of the dances were granted to Mr. W. G. Love.

DEPLETED STAFF

BROADSTAIRS COUNCIL DIFFICULTY

Like most local authorities, Broadstairs Council is having difficulty in carrying on its services owing to the number of men who have been and are being called up for the Forces or other war work.

In a report to the General Purposes Committee of the Council the Surveyor (Mr. S. W. Richardson) stated: "I desire to call the committee's attention to the demands being made on the Council for the release of manual employees by the Ministry of Labour and National Service. On Monday last they took the only two bricklayers and carpenters which I had, although fortunately one bricklayer (Amos) was returned as he failed to pass the medical test. On the 17th September I received a request from the Ministry of Labour at Canterbury for the release of Page, general foreman, which I have strongly contested. On the same day I received from the Ramsgate branch of the Ministry of Labour a request for the transfer of a further eight men, including a charge hand (C. King), a roof spotter (F. S. Lowing) and one of my drivers (V. F. Richford). Of these men C. King, J. Bing and V. Richford are members of the decontamination squad, and E. Miller, C. Nutting (roof spotter) and W. Laslett are members of the road repairs squad, and if they are taken I do not see how I am to replace them.

"As this matter is assuming such proportions I thought it advisable to ask the committee's instructions as to the procedure to be adopted."

The report of the General Purposes Committee, submitted at a meeting of the Council on Monday, stated that the Surveyor was directed to represent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service that King, Lowing, Bing, Miller and Nutting should not be required to leave their present employment, but not to submit any representations to the Ministry in the case of Richford or Laslett.

The report was adopted without comment.

PTE. SCOTT-MARTIN WOUNDED

Pte. Owen Scott-Martin, who will be remembered as a member of St. Luke's F.C., Ramsgate, has been wounded in the Middle East while serving with the 2nd Batt. The Buffs.

Before joining up, Pte. Scott-Martin was employed by Mr. Charles Warren, auctioneer and estate agent, of High-street, Ramsgate. He was an enthusiastic member of St. Luke's Social Club and also of the Bible Class at St. Luke's.

RAMSGATE HOME GUARD PROMOTIONS

Among the promotions in D Company (Ramsgate), 6th Batt., Kent Home Guard, notified this week in group orders, are the following:

To be lieutenant—2nd-Lt. S. Rowden.

To be second-lieutenants—Sgt. A. Dyer and Sgt. C. H. A. Miles.

To be sergeants—Cpls. H. T. Mirams and J. J. Wale and Pte. H. G. Curtis.

On Service

"If you're ever in Montreal pop in and see my sister," said Mrs. Atkins, of the Freemasons' Tavern, Ramsgate, to Mr. Jack Taylor, of Meeting-street, who is serving in the Merchant Navy. Mr. Taylor was in Montreal recently and he received a royal welcome at the home of Mrs. Irene Moon. Although, as he says, he had a "tough time" finding the house—3481 Park-avenue—it was well worth the trouble as he had a wonderful time. One night he was with two London men watching a parade of soldiers in Park-avenue when Mrs. Moon and her husband came along and again took them to the flat. Beer was ordered and the lads settled down to a grand party, and yet again, when he and a mate went there to tea, they found an enormous spread of peaches, oranges, apples, "tons" of ham and other good fare—and the inevitable crate of beer. Hanging all round the room were pictures of Ramsgate which made Jack feel at home. Mrs. Moon longs to return to Ramsgate and misses most of all the sea air, for Montreal is 600 miles from the coast.

Tel. Jack Moses, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Moses, of the Homestead Furnishing Stores, Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, who has been in the Royal Navy just over two years, celebrates his 30th birthday to-morrow and is shortly expected home on leave. His brother Harry, aged 31, is serving in the R.A.M.C., and 33-year-old George, another brother, is a foreman shipbuilder in the south of England and a member of the Home Guard. While the three brothers are away their sister Doris, married to Pte. C. Butcher, R.E., is helping to carry on the business for her blind father. Mr. Moses' other daughter, Nellie, who is working in an ordnance office, is the wife of Archie Barnes, now in the R.A.F. police, who has just had a 48-hour leave. He will be remembered locally as a footballer and cricketer and before joining up was employed by Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd.

Pte. Raymond H. Redwood writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Redwood, of Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, saying that the number of prisoners at his camp in Germany has increased from 30 to 60. His brother Eric, aged 20, is a leading aircraftman in the R.A.F.

Lt. C. E. Waters, of Ramsgate Sea Cadets, would welcome any news of his "old boys" scattered in all parts of the world. His addres is Golden Hours, Cox's-lane, Northwood, George Hope, formerly sub-lieutenant of the cadets, is now a lieutenant in the Navy.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

After camp training, Pte. S. E. Bushell, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bushell, of 72 Ellington-road, Ramsgate, is now billeted close to a famous spa. Serving with the Royal Army Pay Corps, he was formerly on the Ramsgate staff of the Midland Bank and also acted as treasurer to Ramsgate Toc H.

Pte. D. Crouch, The Buffs, who has been in the Middle East for the past two years, has sent his wife, of 8 Hengist-avenue, Margate, a photograph of himself and two friends taken when on leave in Cairo. He is an old boy of St. John's School and before the war was employed as a gardener.

Ivan Cox, of Flora-road, Ramsgate, who recently joined the Royal Navy, enjoyed his first home leave last week.

Len Bowley, of Broadstairs, who is a prisoner of war in Germany, writes to his mother saying that he is moving to Stalag VIII B, which is near Dresden.

The October News Letter of the East Cliff Scouts, Ramsgate, gives us more news of members of the movement who are serving their country. L/Sgt. J. Cullen, Royal Engineers, has recently completed a course and says that what he doesn't know about mines, bombs, explosives and Hun booby traps isn't worth knowing—he hopes! Stationed in Malta, Sgt.-Plt. J. Withers spends much of his spare time studying physics, while Pte. W. E. Bubb, R.A.O.C., is under canvas in Scotland, 2½ miles away from the nearest habitation. Sgt. R. Snowsell has returned to West Africa and Ldg.-Tel. E. Stankiste, writing from the C. in C's office, Mediterranean, is surprised to find that some members of the troop are quite near to him—Bob D'Eath and Peter Hewlett in particular.

P/C Jim Fayter, of Ramsgate Borough Police Force, who is serving with the Royal Marines, has received his second "pip." Lt. Fayter recently wrote suggesting his fellow police officers might like to contribute to a fund to provide sports gear for the men serving on his ship. The sum of 25s. has been forwarded to Lt. Fayter.

Another Ramsgate police officer, P/C Clifford T. Smith, a gunner in the Royal Artillery, has recently completed a course of training in Scotland. He reports that P/C Percy Brown still awaits his posting.

Sgt.-Air-Gnr. Adrian Flowerdew recently enjoyed a short leave in Ramsgate. A few months ago Sgt. Flowerdew returned from the Middle East, where he had been for some years, and he is now stationed in the south of England. His elder brother, Sgt. Philip Flowerdew, R.A.M.C., who came back from Dunkirk with the B.E.F., is stationed in the north.

Bill Spillett of Ramsgate, who is in the Merchant Navy, is back in the town again after a trip to America. He is an old boy of Hereson School.

Acwm. 2 S. J. Wilkin, W.A.A.F., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Langley, of Nola, Salisbury-avenue, Broadstairs, and her husband, Cpl. L. K. Wilkin, R.A.F., are on leave here this week. Cpl. Wilkin recently returned to this country after spending three and a half years in Iraq.

BROADSTAIRS

Will.—Mr. R. Bradbury, a nonagenarian, of Chandos-road, Broadstairs who died recently, left £1,852.

Scrap Drive.—The Salvage Sub-Committee of Broadstairs Council, consisting of the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) and Councillors H. Bing, B. Humphrey and H. Noble, is to organise a non-ferrous scrap drive in the urban district.

Fuel Assistant's Salary.—Broadstairs Council are to make application to the Divisional Coal Officer (South Eastern Division) for approval to the payment of a salary of £250 per annum, inclusive of bonus, to Mr. A. J. Tanton, chief assistant in the local fuel office.

Comrades' Secretary.—Mr. S. W. Silver has resigned the secretaryship of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association and has been succeeded by Mr. E. Thirkettle. A member of the Royal Navy for 24 years, Mr. Silver served as a postman for 20 years and retired in November last year.

B.B.L. Whist.—Councillor H. Noble and Mr. B. J. Brown were joint M.Cs. at a whist drive held by the Brighter Broadstairs League. The winners were Mrs. Cates, Mrs. Goldsack, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Humphriss, Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Brown, Miss Light, Miss Clark, Miss Humpray, Miss Cates, Miss Lawrence, Miss Gardner and Miss Richardson.

Short of the Target.—Broadstairs and St. Peter's fell short by £1,349 of their target of £11,000 in the "Tanks for Attack" campaign. Altogether a sum of £9,651 was raised. The amount saved for the week ending 26th September was £809 and comprised savings certificates £297, defence bonds £250, and net deposits in the Post Office savings bank £262.

Red Cross for the Young.—For the purpose of training young people in first aid Mrs. F. M. Saunders, Commandant of the Kent V.A.D., No. 146 (Broadstairs), British Red Cross Society, has been granted the use of the gymnasium in the grounds of Pierremont Hall on Thursday afternoons from 1st October to 2nd April, free of charge.

At the Palace.—The British Empire Medal (Civil Division) awarded to him in recognition of his resourcefulness and meritorious service in connection with the A.F.S. (now the N.F.S.), was received by Mr. Leonard E. Lowings at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Lowings was accompanied by his wife and son. He is at present a column officer at Maidstone.

Red Cross Whist.—Nineteen tables were in play at the weekly whist drive in aid of Red Cross Funds held at the Rose Inn, Broadstairs, on Friday. Mr. W. W. Lawrence and Mr. R. Lawrence were the joint M.Cs and the prizewinners were Pte. Corke, Pte. Johnson, Mr. E. May, Pte. Hopkins, Mr. F. Carey, Pte. Jay, Pte. Carberry, Sgt. Healy, Mr. Wood, Pte. Proudlock, Pte. Thie, Mrs. Fowler and Pte. Cook.

Artisan Golfers.—The establishment of an Artisans' Golf Club at North Foreland Golf Club, limited in the first instance to 30 members, has been approved in principle by Broadstairs Council. All arrangements in connection with the new club will be left in the hands of the Golf Club Committee. The formation of the club is a war-time measure and has been made principally at the request of Civil Defence workers.

Food Committee.—Broadstairs Council have nominated the following for appointment to the local Food Control Committee for the coming year: trade members—Messrs. F. Foster, H. H. Dale, L. Harrison and G. E. Lawrence; trade union representative—Mr. W. C. Jarvis; other consumer members—Mrs. W. Bridge, Mrs. J. G. Collingwood, Mrs. R. E. Pearson, Miss O. M. Vyse, Dr. R. Riley and Councillors H. Bing, S. W. Fright, B. Humphrey and H. Noble.

Good Templary.—A report on the work of the Juvenile Temple was given by Mrs. L. A. Ware, S.J.T., at the weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., held in the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday. Mr. T. E. McCabe, Lodge Deputy, presided and the treasurer reported that as a result of the harvest thanksgiving £3 6s. 3d. was sent to the Good Templar and Temperance Orphanage. Mr. E. A. Knight, P.D.C.T., read extracts from the quarterly edition of the Thanet Templar Manuscript Magazine, of which he is editor, and into which plenty of humour is introduced. A short address was given by Mrs. A. Knight, P.D.V.T., Mrs. N. McCabe, the lodge chaplain, conducted the intercesion service and messages and greetings were received from Mrs. H. Whiteley, Sig. H. McCabe, Mrs. D. Young, Mr. M. D. Faulkner, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jacobsen.

VERSATILE FIREMEN

ENTERTAIN AT ODEON

More familiar to Ramsgate people touring the town on their grey vehicles, the N.F.S. boys were seen against a more colourful background on Friday when their band appeared on the stage of the Odeon Cinema.

Staged between the evening film presentations, the 40-minute show had plenty of "go" in it and a full house gave the entertainers a great ovation. It will probably not be long before they are seen on the Odeon stage again.

Brightly compered by Peter Pritchard, column officer of the division, who delighted in "taking the rise" out of his men in a good-humoured way, the show included concerted band numbers, musical duets and vocal solos by talented singers.

The band consisted of Bill Maxted, Alf Challenger and "Hank" Evans (accordeons), Harold Oliver and Jack Odie (saxophones), Charlie Walkley (drums) and Edna Webb (piano).

As an appropriate opening the band paid their own tribute to members of the fighting forces by presenting an Army, Navy and Air Force medley, and Fred Wisdom then appeared on the stage to sing "For you alone," accompanied at the piano by his wife.

Styling themselves the "Sunshine Boys," George Marley and Harry Woodlands brought to the audience a breath of the Wild West with their harmonious "hill-billy" songs. In addition to his efforts on the saxophone, Jack Odie proved himself an able exponent on the violin in Hungarian music, accompanied by "Hank," and before the band rounded off the performance with a selection of popular modern numbers, Fred Wisdom again delighted the audience with his singing of "Without a song."

Before the curtain fell on the show Mr. R. N. Paterson, manager of the Odeon, asked the patrons how they had enjoyed it and their answer came in a round of roaring applause.

Another popular guest night performance will be presented on Friday.

REVISING PENSIONS

The Watch Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have expressed the view that the time has arrived when police and service pensions awarded prior to the outbreak of war should be increased to meet the increased cost of living, the amount of such increase being adjusted from time to time as the cost of living varies.

On the recommendation of the committee the Council have decided to ask the Association of Municipal Corporations to support this view and to make appropriate recommendations to the Government on the subject.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 6.59 p.m. TILL 6.39 a.m.

R.A.F. W.A.A.F.

VOLUNTEER NOW

MEN 18-55 WOMEN 17½-43

IMMEDIATE ENLISTMENT PLENTY OF VACANCIES

Call and see the Recruiting Officer for Particulars at the A.T.C. Headquarters, Chatham House, Ramsgate on Sunday, 11th October, 1942, from 10.30 to 12.30.

ON BEING FREE FROM EVERYTHING

THE BETTER LIFE

By LYNN DOYLE

I have an old farmer acquaintance in the north of Ireland who is something of a philosopher. I listen to the old man's sayings with attention and sometimes shape my course by them.

Turning to him in this time of privation and worry I bethought myself of one: "There's harm in everything, if you get too much of it." And isn't the saiyng true? It's a variation of the old Greek aphorism: "The thing that you love shall destroy you in the end." You can get too much of everything. Too much food, too much drink, too much money; too much of things that we believe unmixed good, too much success, too much pity, too much love. Life can be made too easy for us; and when that happens we are no longer able to live. Our only hope is to be made to struggle for our lives again. We can have too much love, till we end by esteeming ourselves so precious that we can love no one else. We can have too much food, as our stomachs will soon make us aware. Our consciences suffer by that, too. The man who makes an art of eating does not often remember his hungry fellow-creatures. Even a tea-bibber can inform us that we may have a burdensome superfluity of drink; though I find it hard to believe that a man could have too much fine Bordeaux of a good year. Anyway, he can't have too much nowadays.

Too Kind.

The world has been too kind to the British people of the last generation or so. Their hearts have been hardened, and their bodies have become too soft. They had—till the war—become wasteful, taken their prosperity to be the work of their own hands alone, and, without knowing it, adopted that delusion of being a chosen nation that they have so reprobated in others. They had—too often publicly—thanked God that they were not as other men, without pausing to enquire why.

I was playing golf at the golf club of a foreigner some time ago. It was before the shortage of rubber. His brother and a couple of friends were following us round, looking on. I was a little hurt in my golfing pride to perceive, about the third hole, that they had withdrawn some distance from us; for it had been in my mind to demonstrate to them what a thoroughly inferior nation they were to mine, at golf. When I looked more closely I saw that they were walking in line up and down a piece of furze-covered ground, evidently in the hope of finding lost golf balls. I confess that at first I thought the act an over-frugal use of a holiday afternoon, and smiled with national self-complacency. "Now we," I said to myself, "would be above such thriftiness."

And thereupon my eyes were opened. I saw that these folk were citizens of a small nation with little manufacture and not much mineral wealth, forced by their geographical situation to spend the greater proportion of their national income on armaments; and that if they did not learn thrifty habits they could not exist at all. I saw, too, that our fine recklessness of expenditure was due to a plenty thrust upon us by the enterprise and perhaps rapacity of our forefathers, and not to our superior greatness of soul. The truth of my old friend's saying came home to me more poignantly than ever before. I saw that we might be none the worse for the present privation of our overabundant blessings.

Nearer to Nature.

Then aren't we the better for having fewer motor cars on the roads; for being obliged to cycle and to walk; for seeing the country again in its myriad beauty; for knowing the seasons by the stars, and the time by the sun; for walking in the great procession of Nature, and reckoning the passing of the year by lark, and peewit, and tern, and wheatear; or by celandine, and heartsease, and wild-thyme, and sloe-berry; instead of sitting in an airless box while the world whisks by us in a ribbon of parti-coloured haze? And hasn't the pedestrian his dividend of these blessings? It was my old country friend aforesaid who thanked his Maker that if you were knocked down on the roads nowadays, at any rate the cyclist got the worst of it.

If we have fewer buses and trains, and they go earlier to bed, well, so do we. Our neighbours are our friends again. We play cards with them once more, and even go for walks together. We attend the local picture-house. We are, in short, once more citizens of our own town. I myself am rubbing up my sight-singing, and propose to sing glees in the coming winter if I can get by bottom plate of teeth to stop rattling. I wear my old clothes now, with impunity, and can chop sticks like a professional; and actually offer to carry parcels, if my wife has more than three. We have no maid now. I am become handy about the house. I can drive a nail like a carpenter—when I keep my eye on the ball, that is. My left thumb-nail, I may say, is nearly grown again. I bring my wife up her morning cup of tea, or at least most of it; and am a better husband to her. She, on her part, is more deserving of me. She has lost weight by doing housework, as I diplomatically point out to her. If our former maid, who is making a lot of money at other work, needs a handy man and wife after the war, we shall be quite competent to take the job.

Finally—and perhaps it is the greatest boon that war conditions have bestowed on me—when I see a tramp stooping to pick up a cigarette-end, I realise that I am his fellow-creature.

Will this change of heart continue after the war? Alas, no. We are selfish beings, and forget quickly. But let us try to keep some of it.

Harvest Festival.—Canon A. W. MacMichael, Vicar of Minster and Rural Dean of Thanet, preached at evensong when the harvest festival was held at Christ Church, Ramsgate, on Sunday.

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TOWN PAYS TRIBUTE

FUNERAL OF CAPT. M. C. C. DANIEL

Representatives of many sections of the community paid a last tribute to the memory of the late Capt. M. C. C. Daniel when, following cremation at Golders Green, his ashes were interred at Ramsgate Cemetery on Tuesday.

Members of Ramsgate Borough Police, Police War Reserve and Special Constabulary lined the footway as Mr. G. H. Edwards carried the urn containing the ashes from the cemetery gates to the church.

The family mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kenyon Daniel and Cmdr. Sir John Campbell.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Ramsgate (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth).

Those in attendance at the graveside included the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), Mr. John H. Robinson, Mr. E. C. Allfree, Mr. Terence Robinson, Mr. C. C. Maughan, the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler), Cmdt. Lance Almond (Special Constables), Mr. Tom Wotton, Mr. Martin Tomson, Mr. T. B. White, Dr. D. P. Crawford, Mr. A. Moody, Mrs. H. C. Flowerdew, Mr. Leslie Hogbin, Mr. K. Billingham, Mr. E. Barber, Mr. W. W. Harman, Mr. A. T. Grummant (Chief Warden at Ramsgate), Mr. E. W. Duckett (representing St. George's Cricket Club, Mr. L. L. Reid (representing Ramsgate Borough Police Cricket Club), Mr. H. E. Steane (representing the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Cricket Club), Mr. J. Blinko, Mr. John Brown (secretary, Ramsgate General Hospital), Mr. A. Lilwall, Mr. S. A. Dadds (representing Mr. E. A. Knight, Magistrates' Clerk), Rev. C. H. Bailey, Miss O. Raven and Dr. C. H. Bond.

A Living Memory.

Mr. W. J. Martin-Tomson contributes the following appreciation:

May I add a word to the messages of deep appreciation of Charles Daniel, which you have published? His death has robbed us of a true and loyal friend and comes as a great loss to the many who knew him best.

His family and mine have, for a very long while, been connected with Ramsgate, so I feel all the more what his death will mean.

He had an outstanding character, enriched by a versatile intellect, also a vivid sense of humour and the great gift of thinking of others a long way before himself. So his sense of social service was keen. He took on many jobs entailing much work, but probably little thanks and which did not bring his name before the public.

It is people like Charles Daniel that we shall need when peace comes again to build up a finer world. I have said little of his charm, skill at games and other attributes, but spoken of some things that may not be so well known, but were, nevertheless, of inestimable value to the district.

Thanet has indeed lost an indispensable citizen by his untimely death. He has passed to higher service, but his example and friendship will remain a living memory.

Cricket.—Beaten by five wickets and 90 runs by a Royal Artillery XI at St. Peter's Recreation Ground, Broadstairs C.C. would have sustained a much heavier defeat but for the batting of E. Thomas, who made 42 of their 54 runs. The soldiers replied with 144 for five wickets.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

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BIRTHS

Barnes.—26th September, at 21 Dane-road, Ramsgate, to Doris (née Milton), wife of Pte. Harry Barnes, Queen's Regt., a son (Melvyn Peter Keith).

Britton.—25th September, at Hampton Court, Surrey, the wife of Cpl. Charles Britton, A.C.C., of a daughter.

Brooke.—29th September, at Windsor, the wife of Leslie Brook, R.A.F., of a daughter.

Fenn.—25th September, at Hendon, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fenn, a brother for Colin.

Newing.—27th September, at Canterbury, the wife of Lt. J. C. Newing, R.N., of a son.

MARRIAGES

Heath—Hougham.—26th September, at Christ Church, Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, Edwin Heath, of Tunstall, Staffordshire, to Edith Hougham, of Ramsgate.

Heritage—Jezard.—24th September, at St. Lawrence Church, by the Rev. J. H. Roundhill, Peter Heritage to Irene Jezard, both of Ramsgate.

Jarman—Knowlden.—26th September, at St. Mary's Church, Porchester, Kenneth Richard Jarman to Josephine Knowlden, of Porchester.

Neve—Dilnot.—26th September, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, Ldg. Acm. Harold Victor Neve, R.A.F., of Margate, to Doris Mabel Dilnot, of Acol.

Stannett—Foad.—26th September, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, L/Cpl. Robert Stannett, London Irish Rifles, of Brentford, Middlesex, to Margaret Ellen Foad, of Westgate.

DEATHS

Machin.—26th September, at Margate General Hospital, Walter Lionel Machin, of 76 Sweyn-road, Margate, aged 68 years.

Woodruff.—24th September, Thomas William Woodruff, late of 185 High-street, Ramsgate.

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